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OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE,

APPOINTED TO

Investigate into the Facts Concerning the Alleged Corrupt Issuing

OF

Medical Diplomas by Medical Colleges

EXISTING UNDER THE

LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.



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IN THE SENATE, *January 24, 1872.*

Mr. Randall, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was twice read and agreed to :

WHEREAS, It has been charged in the *New York Tribune*, and various other papers, that certain medical colleges, chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania, and located in Philadelphia, named, respectively, the "Philadelphia University of Medicine" and the "Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania," have been engaged in selling and issuing medical diplomas to persons not qualified to use the same, and who have not been educated to the practice of medicine ; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of five (5) Senators be appointed to examine into the facts concerning the alleged corrupt issuing of medical diplomas by any medical college existing under the laws of the State, with power to send for persons and papers.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Randall, Nagle, Strang, Humphreys and Billingsfelt.

By subsequent resolution the Speaker was authorized to increase the committee by two, and Messrs. Crawford and Weakley were appointed additional members.

REPORT.

The undersigned, members of the committee appointed pursuant to a resolution of January 24, 1872, to investigate the facts concerning the alleged corrupt issuing of "medical diplomas" by any medical college existing under the laws of this State, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee met on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1872, and organized by electing A. M. Martin, clerk; and being profoundly impressed with the importance of the subject committed to their charge, have prosecuted what they believe to be a thorough and searching, as well as a fair and impartial investigation of the charges referred to.

The sessions of your committee have all been held in public in the cities of Philadelphia and Harrisburg; the proceedings have all been published, and the faculty and trustees of all the institutions have had full liberty to furnish any evidence, either exonerating themselves or implicating others; thus, as your committee believe, adopting every precaution to protect the innocent, and neglecting no proper means to expose the guilty.

The institutions in regard to which inquiry has been made are the University of Pennsylvania, the Jefferson Medical college, the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, and the Eclectic College of Medicine, all of which are located in the city of Philadelphia.

In regard to the first named institutions, the University of Pennsylvania and the Jefferson Medical college, your committee feel bound to report that a full and careful inquiry has developed no cause for suspicion that either the trustees or faculty, or any member thereof, have in any way been concerned in the unlawful issue of medical diplomas or the improper issue of what are termed "honorary degrees." On the contrary, the concurrent and uncontradicted testimony shows that persons connected with these institutions have, from the commencement of this nefarious traffic in diplomas and degrees, used all proper means, both to expose and prevent the same, thus fully justifying the high estimate placed upon them, and affording new

proof of their just title to public confidence and esteem. The other institutions which at present are known by the names of the Eclectic Medical college and the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, seem to owe their corporate existence to some very complicated and mysterious legislation. The legislative authority under which they seem to act are first, the act of February 25, 1850, by which the "Eclectic college" was incorporated, and the act of February 26, 1853, by which the American College of Medicine in Pennsylvania was incorporated. By the act of February 26, 1853, the word Eclectic was stricken out of the act of February 25, 1850, which was the original act. By the act of February 15, 1860, the American College of Medicine in Pennsylvania, and the Eclectic college of Philadelphia, were to be known by the title of the Eclectic college.

By the act of 1867, the American University of Philadelphia was incorporated, and by the terms of its charter, has no power to confer medical degrees except upon persons who have passed through the ordinary clinical course of study. By an act approved March 21, 1865, we have the first appearance of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, and this appears to arise from a merger of the Eclectic Medical college and the American College of Medicine.

An examination of many witnesses has convinced your committee that the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, under the management of Dr. William Payne, and the Eclectic Medical college, under the management of Dr. John Buchanan, have for a long time openly engaged in the sale of diplomas to persons who did not attend even a partial collegiate course, and who, in many instances, were without any medical or scientific attainments whatever.

It is in evidence that Dr. Payne made an agreement for the sale of diplomas for the consideration of \$200, conferring the degrees of M. D. and LL. D., on a person of whom he knew nothing except the name; and that in pursuance of this arrangement said diplomas were regularly made out and signed. The person named in this instance is stated to have been an infant but two years old. It was also proved that Dr. Payne entered into an arrangement with other parties to furnish diplomas for sale. In many instances there was positive proof that he had issued the diplomas of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, for a consideration, to persons who had never attended any course of instruction, and to others who had only attended a few lectures in the course; and almost invariably without requiring an examination of the persons so graduated or the writing of a thesis. In a number of cases witnesses testify to having received meritorious degrees in medicine without study, examination, or even payment. An examination of the books of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery disclosed the fact, that many *honorary degrees* from

that institution were disposed of for money, the entries stating specifically the amounts paid for such degrees, and the names of the persons to whom they were sold.

The testimony concerning the illicit traffic in diplomas by the Eclectic College of Medicine, under the management of Dr. John Buchanan, developed some most astounding facts concerning the management of that institution. It appears to be notorious that the sale of degrees by this college was carried on openly and systematically. Diplomas in regular form, and signed by the faculty, have been granted to women who could not even tell the location of the college, and there is abundant testimony of the sale of degrees to persons who never attended any of the lectures of the course or received any medical instruction whatever. One of the faculty testified, before the committee, that during the time he filled an important chair in this college, he visited a distant portion of the State for the purpose of ascertaining who, among the practising physicians of that locality, were without diplomas, with the intention of selling them degrees for whatever sum could be obtained.

Your committee feel bound to report that this illicit and disgraceful traffic in diplomas, by the two colleges above named, has brought the medical profession of the State into disrepute, and has done great injury to the character and standing of the University of Pennsylvania and the Jefferson Medical college. Several members of the faculty of these institutions testified that they are constantly in receipt of letters from distant parts of the country and from England, inquiring upon what terms and conditions diplomas could be purchased; and a number of these letters were produced before your committee, copies of which will be found among the notes of testimony herewith submitted. It seems to have been the design of those engaged in this nefarious business to create the impression that they really represented the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and hence their endeavors, by frequent legislation, to obtain such names as would be likely to be mistaken for it. It is certain, from the testimony adduced, that both the Eclectic College of Medicine, and the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, sold many scholarships to persons who supposed they were purchasing the scholarships of the University of Pennsylvania, and that in no known instance was the error corrected when the student discovered his mistake.

In view, therefore, of the clearly established fact that both the Eclectic College of Medicine and the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, have abused the trust confided in them by the Legislature in their several acts of incorporation, by selling their degrees to persons who had not attended the regular course of instruction, or were in any manner entitled to hold diplomas from a chartered college, and that their existence as

incorporated medical institutions is productive of great disgrace to the medical profession and injury to the community, your committee respectfully recommend the passage of a law repealing all former laws incorporating said institutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. M. RANDALL,
J. M. WEAKLEY,
B. B. STRANG,
D. A. NAGLE,
M. S. HUMPHREYS,
D. M. CRAWFORD,
E. BILLINGFELT.

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HARRISBURG, *January 31, 1872.*

The committee met in the Senate Library pursuant to the call of the chairman, Mr. Randall.

A. M. Martin was elected clerk.

The committee then adjourned, to meet in Philadelphia at 12 M., Saturday, February 3, 1872.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., }
Saturday, February 3, 1872. }

The committee met in the parlor of the Girard House, at twelve o'clock M., pursuant to agreement.

Present—All the members of the committee.

The chairman, Senator Randall, called the committee to order.

After deliberation it was decided that the meetings of the committee should be open to the public.

Charles J. Stille, LL. D., provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Question by the chairman.—Please state to the committee any information you have in regard to the issuing of diplomas by either one of these colleges, or as to the manner of issuing them.

A. Do you refer to medical diplomas only, or to others also? Perhaps I had better state, in the nature of an opening, what I have evidence to prove, and then the committee will be able to decide. I have evidence in my possession to show, first, that advertisements frequently appear in the English newspapers offering to procure, for those who are willing to pay the advertisers certain fees, academic degrees of various kinds, among others the degree of doctor of medicine; secondly, that the advertisers, when applied to, represent themselves as accredited agents of the University of Medicine of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia University, and offer to procure a diploma from one or both of these institutions—that for doctor of medicine upon the payment of £20, or other sum, as the fees of the faculty, their agents and their deputies; third, that those agents offer, for such consideration, to confer these degrees *in absentia* upon those who have never received instruction in these institutions. I have two classes of letters, that is to say, those that refer to conferring degrees of all kinds, through these agents, and those that refer simply to conferring the degree of doctor

of medicine. I would like the direction of the committee as to the course I shall take in presenting this evidence.

Mr. Strang, to the chairman.—You have no copy of the resolution here have you?

The chairman—We have no copy, but the resolution authorizes the committee to inquire into and investigate the charges that have been made in the public press against these institutions, that they have issued diplomas for money without the parties who have received them having been regularly educated in these colleges.

Mr. Strang—The resolution does not, of course, confine the investigation to either class?

The chairman—I do not think it does.

Mr. Strang—It seems to me that evidence in reference to both classes of diplomas would properly come before the committee.

The chairman—We will hear the evidence.

Prof. Stille—I will state that I am provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and that, as such, I have received a large number of letters from England on this subject; that this state of things has continued for more than a year. About a year ago, I received a letter from a gentleman in England making inquiries as to the nature of these degrees offered for sale there. I thought there might be some mistake about it, but in answer to an application from me he sent me clippings of advertisements from English newspapers, and also a letter written by one of the agents. The clippings and letter I sent to the late Senator Connell for the purpose of having brought forward, during the last Legislature, a bill prohibiting the sale of academic degrees. I told him to be careful of the papers and letter. He told me he had handed them to the chairman of the Judiciary committee, and that is the last I have seen of them. But, before going to Harrisburg, I had them printed in the *Philadelphia Press*, and the copies I now present from that paper I can certify to as being exact copies of what I received. The date of the *Press* in which these documents were published is March 23, 1871. For instance here is an advertisement from the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* of February 14, 1871, as follows:

[Advertisement.]

PROMOTION "IN ABSENTIA."

[From the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* of February 14, 1871.]

Clergymen and other gentlemen qualified by educational attainments and social status, can obtain promotion *in absentia* to learned degrees in divinity, laws, arts, music, medicine, and other recognized orders. Strictest confidence assured. Address "M. A., 3 Claverton street, Belgravia."

From the *Manchester Guardian* is the following:

We cut the following from a journal of high standing: "Degrees—M. A., Ph. D., &c., *in absentia*. Qualified gentlemen desirous of proceeding to the following honorary degrees, B. A., M. A., Ph. D., Ph. B., LL. B., LL. D., D. D., M. D., receive official instruction and advice, without charge by writing to * * * * *

"N. B.—These degrees and diplomas are guaranteed *bona fide*, and they are issued by colleges and universities empowered by charter to grant the same. Only the applications of authors and other decidedly qualified candidates will be replied to."

The following is of the same import :

[Circular.]

DEGREES "IN ABSENTIA" OR "IN PRESENTIA."

Candidates for degrees (foreign) are respectfully informed—

First.—That the total expense of each diploma is as follows: B. A., M. A., Ph. B. or LL. D., each £15, and LL. D., D. D., M. D., or Ph. D. and M. A. in one diploma, each £20.

Second.—That the diplomas and degrees are of great value, inasmuch as they are obtained only from those colleges and universities that are empowered by charter to grant degrees; and,

Third.—That gentlemen wishing to proceed for either of the above degrees are recommended to do so at once, by sending in a statement of their qualifications, present official position, &c., to Edward A. Sturman, M. A., LL. B., principal of the Packington college, Islington, London, N., when they will receive more definite information.

N. B.—Only *bona fide* applications can be received.

The following is a copy of a letter received by my correspondent, (the original of which I sent to Senator Connell,) written by this person in answer to an application to know what was to be done in order to get these degrees :

[Confidential Letter.]

REGENT STREET, LONDON, *October 5, 1870.*

DEAR AND REV. SIR:—The degrees you can obtain through my instrumentality from some of the established German universities, with which I am in connection, as Gottingen, or Leipsig, or Rostock, &c., are either the M. A. and Ph. D., or the D. D.

* * * * *

You can further obtain the A. B., A. M., D. D., LL. D., &c., from the American University of Philadelphia, in the United States, of which I am the accredited agent in this country.

That University granting its degrees as honorary degrees on my recommendation, I shall with pleasure give you the latter if you will kindly send me a formal application for the degree you are desirous of obtaining, and the necessary evidence that you are a clergyman.

The total expense, my fee, &c., inclusive, for the B. A. and M. A. is £21, and for the LL. D. and D. D., £26.

I shall be happy to give you further particulars, and remain yours truly.

The following letters were also published in the *Press* of the same date, and were handed by me to the reporter for that paper.

Letter No. 1 seems to have been written by John Buchanan, dean, in answer to some previous communication from an English clergyman, resident at Codicote, Welwyn, Herts. It is business-like and to the point :

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, }
514 Pine Street. }
PHILADELPHIA, *January 7, 1871,* }

Prof. J. BUCHANAN, M. D., Physician-in-chief.

Prof. E. DOWN, M. D., Surgeon-in-chief.

Rev. Dr. ———— :

DEAR SIR:—I fully appreciate the contents of your letter. Send me word what honor you do want, and I will have the matter attended to promptly

without any parties becoming acquainted with the particulars. Enclose a letter of credit or draft on Brown, Bowen & Co. for £10.

I am, very sincerely, yours,

JOHN BUCHANAN.

P. S.—If you want more than one D. please inform, and remit in accordance.

Letter No. 2 was written on the back of the above note by the English clergyman to Dr. Charles J. Stille, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, asking for information. The writer evidently had confounded the University of Pennsylvania with the enterprise of the Hon. J. Fest and Conrad Clothier :

CODICOTE, WELWYN, HERTS, ENGLAND, }
January 23, 1871. }

DEAR SIR:—I received this to-day, and as I imagine there is some mistake, if not something more serious, I send it to you, and will explain to you its history: Six weeks ago I received from a gentleman in London the offer of an M. A., LL. D. or D. D. degree, which he said he was accredited by the University of Philadelphia to confer, and that he had an arrangement with the dean, Dr. Buchanan, to that effect. He also said the Hon. J. Fest was the president and the Hon. Conrad Clothier the secretary of the university. A similar offer was made to me three years ago, when, having suspicions on the subject, I wrote to two leading clergymen at New York and Brooklyn, and found that no such university existed as that from which the degrees offered professed to have come. Last week I met a clergyman in London who had just arrived from Philadelphia, and he told me Mr. Stille was president of the University of Philadelphia, and that there was no such person as Dr. Buchanan as dean. Hence my perplexity on receiving this to-day, in which I find a Dr. Buchanan physician to the University hospital. I am a well-known clergyman and author, and I sent to Dr. Buchanan, as dean, a copy of a volume of sermons, and also one in Malayaline, the language of Travancore, in which I was a missionary of the Church of England seven years. I also enclosed testimonials from our Bishop and two eminent clergymen, Mr. Venu and Mr. Childs, and the principal of the Church Missionary college, London.

I write this, dear sir, in the interest of truth and learning, as I cannot understand how such a respectable university as that of Philadelphia should thus issue degrees through an agent in London. I wrote to Dr. Buchanan a month ago, as dean of the university, and this is the reply. I should appreciate an LL. D. or D. D. direct from such a university, but this system of agency is most discreditable, and for the honor of both our countries should be stopped.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,

P. S.—My object in writing to Dr. B. was to ascertain whether the gentleman in London really was accredited by the university, which he does not notice in his reply; and I also said, supposing him to be dean, that I should greatly prefer a degree direct from the university, and that I did not wish my name to be mentioned if he took any notice of what I communicated, as, being well known as a writer for the *Church of England* and other magazines, it might bring me into unpleasant collision with the party who wrote to me and with others. Hence the Doctor's promise to do the matter quietly. I have reason for suspicion, and I can assure you on my

personal knowledge that there is no guarantee for either learning or respectability in the cases of those to whom agents grant degrees. It is simply a matter of money. Let me also beg of you not to mention my name if you take any notice of this.

The next letter I read is from Edward D. Neill, late Minister of the United States government at Dublin, as follows :

DUBLIN, June 7, 1871.

C. J. Stille, LL. D., Provost University of Pennsylvania :

MY DEAR SIR:—Although a graduate of Amherst, I have always honored the university of my native city, from which my father, brother and many relatives received degrees.

It was with pain that I read, in a printed lecture delivered by Dr. Mapotler before one of the medical colleges of Dublin, that a university at Philadelphia sold medicines ; and I was then, as now, inclined to believe that he was “sold” by some charlatan who met him on the way, while he was travelling from Dublin to Washington last summer.

A week ago a secretary of a well known university inserted in the *London Athenæum* as follows :

“DEGREES, M. D., PH. D., &c.—The foreign secretary to a ‘well known’ university is willing to forward the aspirations of qualified candidates to honorary or other academical degrees. Fees nominal. Address, in confidence, ‘The Foreign Secretary,’ 10 St. Paul’s road, Canonbury, London.”

Two or three days ago I called upon Dr. Shaw, of Trinity college, and gave him certain memoranda, and it was arranged that I should write a note, upon which he would manipulate an editorial for the *Irish Times*. Both appeared in this morning’s paper, and are enclosed.

Would it not be well for Professors Smith, Leedy and others of the university to present a copy of their works to old Trinity just at this time.

If a letter was addressed to this secretary of note, he would, I think, forward them, through me, to the colleges without expense to the authors.

At any rate, send me, through department of State, four or five copies of the last catalogue. Keble, in one of his letters, published in his memoir, says that the late Professors Reed and Horace Binney, Sr., were two of the finest men he ever met, and thought they were the *exceptional Americans*. Unfortunately, John Bull cannot believe that anything but peddling transacted in our country.

Cordially,

EDW. D. NEILL.

The next letter is from Tyrone, Ireland, as follows :

CONLISLAND, COUNTY TYRONE, IRELAND, }
August 30, 1871. }

The Secretary University of Philadelphia :

SIR:—I am about to ask you a question which is singular and impertinent.

For some time past I have been in communication with a Dr. Sturman, Poekington street, London, about the degrees of M. D. I produced certificates, or rather copies of the originals, to him to show that I had passed through the academic course of medical classes, answered some questions from me by post, and produced satisfactory evidence of my being a *gentleman*.

After some half dozen of letters he wrote me to say that the degree of M. D., University of Philadelphia, could be obtained by my paying £20. I hesitated, and have not yet sent Dr. Sturman that amount.

Now, sir, I would be particularly obliged if you will let me know, in *confidence*, whether this gentleman can confer such M. D., and whether, if so, such M. D. entitles, as he says, the holder to practice medicine in the United States. I shall be highly gratified to you for information on this subject.

I enclose my business card merely as an evidence for respectability, &c.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

JOHN C. QUINN.

P. S.—Are there two universities in Philadelphia? I would state that one of the great troubles with foreign persons is that they cannot conceive that two universities can exist in the same city.

The next letters are as follows:

SOUTHFIELD, HESSLE, NEAR HULL, }
YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND, *September 14, 1871.* }

DEAR SIR:—Will you inform me if Dr. Sturman, 145 Pockington street, London, has recommended me for the degrees of doctor of medicine and surgery of the University of Philadelphia? If so, whether I am entered on the register.

Yours truly,

WALTER KNOWSLEY HENSON,

L. S. A., London.

Have you sent him my diploma? Please reply by return of post, and oblige, as, if he cannot obtain me the degrees, I should like to obtain them myself.

READING, BERKS, ENGLAND, *July 8, 1871.*

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly drop me a line to say if, in connection with the University of Philadelphia, there is a person in England accredited with powers to obtain the M. D. degree in the manner of an *ad eundem*? An individual in London, whose name I had better, perhaps, conceal, has offered to obtain your M. D. degree for me; am I to accept his services? He professes to be a member and L. DD. of your university. My qualifications are these: M. R. C. S. and L. A. S., London; L. R. C. P. and L. M., Edinburgh.

In the event of your report being unfavorable, will you be good enough to tell if I am entitled to your M. D. degree by virtue of my present qualifications, and under any circumstances mention the fee?

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

H. J. K. VINES.

Address as above.

HEASLINGTON, WEST MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, }
December 1, 1871. }

DEAR SIR:—I have received, per a Dr. Sayer, in London, the diploma of M. D., which he tells me has been conferred by the University of Philadelphia upon me—but of late I have had some doubt in my mind, and consequently write to ask you if the degree has really been conferred or not, and I shall be much obliged to you if you will kindly furnish me with the information.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

GEORGE POWELS,

Curate of Heaslington, late Curate of Ispenhower, Cumberland.

I enclose one of Dr. Sayer's letters.

Here is a letter from Dr. Penney, in Glasgow, a clergyman. It is in answer to a letter I wrote to him, saying that he had been completely imposed upon. He wrote to me that he had been appointed to the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The letter is as follows:

STEWARTVILLE HOUSE, PARTICK, GLASGOW, }
October 3, 1871.

DEAR SIR:—I am much obliged by your letter, of the 16th ult., and enclosure. I shall do my best to let the public know the difference between the University of Pennsylvania and, my "Alma Mater" 1, the University of Philadelphia, for I think I told you that, in consideration of my own degrees of Durham and Dublin, I received a diploma (which cost nothing) whose degree I never "sport." Scarcely a day passes but some one is gazetted D. D., LL. D., Ph. D. or M. D., Philadelphia—and a Dr. Van Der Vyer, 46 King street, Jersey, (who advertises largely,) has offered the highest to my curate, without any trouble, for £20, his fee included. I say there are hundreds of Philadelphia graduates; many doubtless, who like myself were in ignorance until they made inquiries. Few of them will dispense with the empty honor I suspect.

No one has greater respect than I for the degrees of such universities as you are provost of, and it is a shame that any suspicion should rest on well known universities by reason of upstarts such as Philadelphia. I shall be glad, at all times, to be favored with information on these points, and to be the indirect medium of imparting it to the public of England and Scotland.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

JNO. W. PENNEY.

DR. STILLE, *Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.*

I have, also, here a large number of other letters at the disposal of the committee. I have also a number of letters from Germany, and without attempting to read them I will hand them to the chairman of the committee, and some of you gentlemen will perhaps be able to read them. The other letters I have here are especially in regard to the degree of philosophy.

The letters in English are as follows:

THE MINING JOURNAL, }
RAILWAY AND COMMERCIAL GAZETTE OFFICE, }
26 Fleet St., London, 11 Dec., 1871.

DEAR SIR:—I am greatly obliged for your favor of November 15, which supplies all the particulars I desired. The only compensation I can offer you is the enclosed copy of correspondence with your representative on this side. As this correspondence will probably be published, (not in the *Mining Journal*,) I thought you might wish to send some official reference to it, under seal of the university, to appear at the same time, as it seems to me most objectionable that men should advertise without the authority of the universities they represent as the prospective grantors. As I have constantly, during the past fifteen years, done all in my power to prevent traffic in degrees, and have always endeavored to expose those who have obtained them other than by actual work. I have need scarcely tell you that I did not send the £20, and I may mention that my name is too well known to the degree advertisers to allow me to obtain replies; the corres-

pondence now sent has, therefore, been conducted under the name and address of a friend.

Yours faithfully,

EDW. DAVID HEARN.

C. J. STILLE, Esq., *Provost, University of Philadelphia.*

(No. 1.)

DEAR SIR:—Observing that you generously offer instructions for proceeding to degrees in foreign universities, *in absentia*, I should esteem it favor if you would let me know from what university a degree (not medical nor clerical) could be obtained, and what would be about the cost.

Yours faithfully,

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——— *Medicus.*

Mr. P. F. A. VAN DER VYVER,
Doctor of Laws, 46 King Street, Jersey.

(No. 2.)

[Mr. P. F. A. VAN DER VYVER,
Doctor of Laws.]

JERSEY, September 29, 1871.

DEAR SIR:—I shall be most happy to give you the benefit of my influence and assistance in obtaining for you a learned degree. As you, however, do not inform me of your profession or occupation, I cannot very well judge what degree is most suitable.

The degree would be granted by the American University of Philadelphia, one of the leading colleges in the United States.

I undertake all the formalities at my own risk and expense. You would obtain the diploma *in absentia*, and without trouble or removing yourself. I could influence you one of the following degrees:

Ph. D.—Doctor of Physiology.

Ph. D.—Doctor of Philosophic, (sic.)

M. A.—Master of Arts.

B. A.—Bachelor of Arts.

Mus. D.—Doctor of Music.

D. C. L.—Bachelor of Civil Laws, (sic.)

LL. D.—Doctor of Laws.

Litt. Hum. D.—Literaræ Humaniores Doctor.

Therefore you may elect what you like best and let me know.

The fees of the faculty, including the granting of degree, the cost of diploma, the signing by the professors and passing collegial seal, and registration dues, amount to exactly £20, beyond which nothing is to be paid.

Waiting your reply at your earliest convenience,

I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed)

P. F. A. VAN DER VYVER, LL. D.,
46 King St., Jersey.

To ————.

(No. 3.)

[Printed heading as in No. 2.]

November 8, 1871.

DEAR SIR:—Shall be glad to be informed which degree you prefer. There are several to be had, as doctor of philosophy, doctor of music,

doctor of sciences, master of arts, bachelor of arts, &c., &c., all of which I can obtain for you *in absentia*.

Give me, any how, a reply, as I am making up a list of candidates which are desirous of being nominated before Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed.) P. F. A. VAN DER VYVER, LL. D.,
46 King street, Jersey.

(No. 4.)

DEAR SIR:—I was so struck with the price of all degrees being similar, having been accustomed to value gold and brass at different rates per pound, that I decided to write to an American friend before taking a further step.

As I observe from your notes that you are neither an Englishman nor an American, you will excuse me for informing you that "who," not "which," is, as a rule, applied to *persons*.

Yours faithfully,

ST. MICHAEL CORTNAY, READING, NORWICH, }
ENGLAND, June 6, 1871. }

SIR:—Mr. C. J. Sayer, of 53 Claverton street, Belgravia, London, has offered me degree of D. D., and he informs me that he is authorized to do this, upon payment of certain fees, by the authorities of your university. Might I ask you if the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania are prepared to confer upon me the degree of doctor of divinity? I shall be glad, also, to know if Mr. Sayer is authorized by the university to act in this matter as its agent.

I was educated at Christ college, Cambridge, and have been for nine years a clergyman of the Church of England. I am now rector of St. Michael Cortnay, in this city. Within the last few days I have been appointed by the Earl of Kemberly, the Majesty's Secretary of State for the colonies, to the colonial chaplaincy of Honk-Kong, and to the charge of the cathedral in that place.

I am also the author of various tracts, sermons, reports, &c. The enclosed cutting is from the *London Record* newspaper of the 20th of May last.

I am, sir, your obedient servant.

R. HAYWARD KIDD.

THE REGISTRAR of the University of Pennsylvania, U. S.

NORMAL COLLEGE, BANGOR, }
GREAT BRITAIN, September 26, 1871. }

DEAR SIR:—There is a paragraph in the North Wales *Chronicle* of Saturday last, to the effect that the American University of Pennsylvania has conferred the degrees of M. A. and M. D. on Mr. R. J. Griffiths, late of Chester college, in consideration of distinguished literary ability. As I happen to know something of this young man, and know that he would not accept for a moment to utter the general falsehood to serve the purposes of his ambition, I should feel obliged if you would kindly answer me the following questions:

1. Is it true that the senators of your university have conferred the degrees of M. A. and M. D. upon R. J. Griffiths, a student in the Training college, at Chester?

2. If so, on what grounds, and by whose recommendation?

If he has told an untruth, I am glad for the credit of the university ; but if the statement is true, I can furnish you with particulars that will show that you have been very seriously misled, and that you and other American colleges ought to be very well satisfied as to the men upon whom you confer honors in this country.

Yours very truly,

DANIEL ROWLAND, M. A. Edin.
Principal of the Normal College, Bangor, Great Britain.

COXLEY VICARAGE, WELLS SOMERSET, }
November 20, 1871. }

To C. H. STILLE, Esq., *Provost, University Pennsylvania :*

SIR:—Will you pardon my appealing to you for information in the following matters: I have received a document, purporting to be a diploma of Doctor of Divinity, conferred on me by the American University of Philadelphia, Republicae Pennsylvanieuse, signed by the following names ; John T. Goodrich, D. D. ; Jas. M. Buchanan, Secretary ; J. Jones, A. M. ; Thos. A. Rogers, D. D. ; G. Davis, A. M., LL. D. ; J. Reed, D. D., LL. D. ; Rev. A. Simpson, D. D. ; J. Buchanan, M. D., dean. The appended seal has around it the name: "The American University of Philadelphia." The drawn up in Latin is formal enough apparently, and bears date the 20th day of January, 1871. I need not detail the circumstances under which the document was sent to me, but I have not yet made any payment for it, although a payment is expected of me.

I confess that I have always looked upon it with suspicion. From time to time letters have appeared in the papers, which have strong doubts upon its genuineness. I have, however, written to Dr. Buchanan, who is said to be the dean, and I cannot help feeling that the tone and style of his reply by no means relieves me of my doubts.

I have never availed myself of the D. D. title—as I already have the degree of Ph. D., from Rostock—but I intended thereafter to have my mind set at rest in one way or another, and your letters in the *Guardian* of November 15, bearing date of September 6, 1871, gives me more hopes than you will give me information on which I may rely. I presume there are not two universities in Philadelphia, each with government authority to confer degrees. I shall feel very grateful for an early reply, as it will govern me in making or withholding the payment of which I spoke.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Rev'd.) ROBT. E. WAKER, *Ph. D.*

S. PAUL'S VICARAGE, STALEY BRIDGE, }
NEAR MANCHESTER, November 18, 1871. }

SIR:—About twelve months ago, I received a letter from Dr. Sayer, 55 Claverton street, Pimlico, London, stating that he was agent for the University of Philadelphia, and that the university was willing to confer degrees in arts, laws and divinity upon clergymen of the English church, and as I, already a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, wished to take another diploma, Dr. Sayer urged me to take one from the University of Philadelphia, on certain conditions. I agreed, and have had forwarded to me a diploma, LL. D., and a certificate of registration, purporting to come from the university of the American University of Philadelphia, and signed John Buchanan, M. D., Dean of the faculty.

Will you do me the favor to say whether I am deceived or not? There is a great deal said about the matter in the English papers, and several clergy who received these degrees are very uncomfortable.

I am yours respectfully,

J. M. CRANSWICK.

THE RECTOR of the University of Philadelphia.

53 CLAVERTON STREET, BELGRAVIA, }
LONDON, March 14, 1871. }

MY DEAR SIR:—I am glad to hear from you this morning, that you have received your diploma safely. With regard to the hood, I thereto advise you, if you desire to have it, to permit me to undertake to see it for you, for there are such differences in the qualities of silk, and they would not supply anything but the best quality to my order. The price is £2, which amount you can add to the check to be sent on the 21st, and I will forward it to you by train. If you would like to write to the dean, to thank him for the honor conferred, his address is: J. Buchanan, Esq., M. D., Dean, 514 Pine-street, Philadelphia.

I remain, my dear sir, yours faithfully,

C. J. SAYER, Ph. D.

REV. GEO. POWLE, M. A.

In a newspaper handed me this morning, called *The Doctor*, on page 17, under the heading "Sham Doctors," is this statement:

After our former investigation, we set about to make further inquiries, and proceed to state the results. Three different advertisers in the daily papers professed to be the accredited agents of the American University of Philadelphia, of which, as we write, we have before us the prospectus, list of professors and time-table of the classes. Each of the agents offered to procure the degree of M. D., LL. D., or M. A. One party offered us the Doctorate in Divinity, Physic or Law, for twenty guineas. Another wanted only fifteen. The prospectus says the institution "has a special claim upon the progressive portion of the medical profession, being the most liberal medical college of the age;" and adds that the hospitals of the city are open to the pupils. To the prospectus were appended these names: Jos. Sites, Dean of the Medical Faculty of the college; John Buchanan, M. D., Dean of the University.

Now we want to know whether the American University of Philadelphia is a recognized institution? Has it legal authority to grant degrees? If so, ought it not, according to the law of the State, to be deprived of this power?

As it may not be known to all the members of the committee, I will state that an act passed the Legislature, and was approved last May, prohibiting the sale of academic degrees. It reads as follows:

AN ACT to prohibit the sale of Academic Degrees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any university, college, or other institution incorporated under the laws of this State, with power to grant academic degrees, honorary or otherwise, to confer the same upon any person or persons upon the payment or promise of payment by any person in consideration thereof; and any person knowingly signing a diploma or other instrument of writing purporting to con-*

fer an academic degree when such consideration has been paid or promised to be paid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, or either, at the discretion of the court.

APPROVED—May 19, 1871.

This law was passed with reference to these cases. As provost of the University of Pennsylvania, I receive one letter a week, and very often three or four, stating that this traffic is going on, and making inquiries on the subject. Indeed so numerous have they become, that I had this act printed to transmit to the writers in reply.

I have this morning received only two letters on the subject. The matter has received so much attention in England, that I understand some one is about to publish a book endeavoring to show the utter worthlessness of American degrees. All this has been brought about I believe, by this selling of degrees.

By the chairman.—Q. Do you know of your own knowledge, of any instances where these degrees have been sold in Pennsylvania?

A. I have no other information on the subject.

By Mr. Strang.—Q. I am in total ignorance of the number and titles of these institutions existing in this city. Can you state what they are?

A. I have prepared here a list of the acts which relate to the American University of Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery. In the year 1850, the institution called the Eclectic Medical College was incorporated. In the year 1853, the American College of Medicine in Pennsylvania was incorporated. This was printed in the appendix to the pamphlet laws of 1861. In the year 1855, the word "Eclectic" was stricken out of the third section of the act of 1850, that is to say, out of the original act. By an act passed in 1860, the American College of Medicine in Pennsylvania, and the Eclectic College of Philadelphia, were hereafter to be known by the title of the Eclectic College. In the year 1865, this last name was changed again into that of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery. In the year 1867, the American University of Philadelphia was incorporated, and by their charter they have no power to confer medical degrees, except upon persons who have been through the ordinary clinical course of study.

Q. Does that make three institutions?

A. That is one of the points I am in the dark about. Some of the degrees came from the University of Philadelphia, as stated in the letters I have received. Whether they have reference to the American University of Philadelphia, or the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, I do not know. It is a very much mixed up matter.

Q. Where is the American University located?

A. No. 514 Pine street, above Fifth street. That was incorporated in 1867. I have no doubt that some of the gentlemen connected with those establishments are better able to explain some of these points than I am.

[Witness dismissed.]

Robert E. Rogers, M. D., was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

By the chairman.—Q. Will you please give us such information as you have in regard to these colleges?

A. Occupying the position of dean of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, the subject of the irregularity of the issuing of diplomas and of certificates, some of which profess to come from the in-

stitutions themselves, and some of which misled the persons who received them into the idea that they were receiving something from the University of Pennsylvania proper, has been a subject of very grave annoyance to me for some five years past. Very rarely, until the organization of what is now known as the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, did communications from abroad, or from this country, come to me asking for diplomas for pay. But since the organization of that institution I have had very frequent applications, many of which I have simply thrown aside, feeling it was hardly worth while to preserve them. Quite a large number of young men have come to me, early in the progress of our medical session, representing that they had purchased, from the west and south-west, what were called scholarships, at prices from \$35 to \$70 each, under the idea that it was the University of Pennsylvania in which they were obtaining these scholarships. When they came here they found that there was another institution located on the same street—Ninth—and not very far from us, under another, but somewhat similar, title to ours. Upon applying for a refunding of their money, they were told that was their own look out, and not of those who had sold the scholarships. This much in regard to a deception that is practiced under a name so similar to that of the University of Pennsylvania that the difference was not discovered. In other words, it is sailing under a trade-mark so similar to ours, that it is calculated to very seriously mislead the public. In the south I knew, and I can swear to it, as from statements of those who have come to me, that merchants are in the habit of obtaining these certificates for a small consideration, and selling them again to young men at quite a profit. We have felt that not only the University of Pennsylvania, but the whole professional standing, have been very much injured by such proceedings. In reference to the matter of the selling of diplomas, those who have been engaged in this traffic so successfully cover up their own tracks that it is difficult to get evidence positively fixing it upon them. We have here matters partly real and partly inferential in their results. This is a letter addressed to “The Dean of the University of Pennsylvania.” As dean, I opened it.

ST. JOHN’S RECTORY, PONT ROBERT, WELSH-POOL, }
ENGLAND, *January 24, 1871.* }

DEAR SIR:—Being in communication with C. J. Sayer, Esq., LL. D., 53 Claverton street, Belgravia, London, about taking my degree of D. D. from the University of Pennsylvania, I should be glad to hear from you whether Mr. Sayer is in actual communication with you, and whether the diploma is *bona fide* and from the University of Pennsylvania. I am already a LL. D. of St. John’s college.

Is this D. D. the same as the late Rev. Hartwell Horne took. Hartwell Horne, the writer of the “Introduction to the Bible,” was a B. D. of Cambridge University, England, and a D. D. of the University of Pennsylvania.

I shall thank you very much for a word on this subject at your earliest convenience.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

DAVID LLOYD JAMES, LL. D.

J. BUCHANAN, M. D., DEAN.

The following letters were also presented :

So SHULD, *November 20, 1871.*

SIR:—I am desirous of being in possession of your degree of M. D. I am a duly qualified physician and surgeon, in practice for the last eight

years, and can refer you, if necessary, to eminent people as to my professional character, &c. I shall feel obliged by you letting me know if it is possible for me to become possessor of this degree without leaving my practice. Any information you can give me will be thankfully received by

Yours faithfully,

WALTER C. O'BRIEN,

*L. R. C. P., Edinburgh ; L. F. P. S., Glasgow ; L. M., Edinburgh ;
L. M., Dublin ; L. M., Glasgow ; member Obstetrical Society, Dublin.*

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MASHAM, YORKSHIRE, }
ENGLAND, February 27, 1871. }

SIR:—The University of Philadelphia having recently conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on a friend of mine, I am emboldened to ask under what circumstances an honorary degree of B. A. or M. A. can be conferred upon myself. I am head master of this old endowed grammar school, and am about to be admitted to holy orders. I enclose a copy of my testimonials and a school prospectus. I am graduating at the London university, and have only the final examination to pass before I obtain the degree of B. A. of that university; but as I am reading for orders I cannot expect to pass that examination for a year or two at the least. Under these circumstances, I venture to ask you if an honorary degree can be conferred upon me *pro honoris causa* by your university. If you think favorably of my application I shall be glad to hear from you the amount of the fees for the honorary B. A. or M. A. degree. I should be glad, also, to receive some information respecting the gowns and hoods worn; and, if possible, to receive a copy of the year book for 1871. The postage of books or letters need not be prepaid unless you think proper.

Trusting to receive an early reply from you,

I am, sir, your faithful servant,

S. CRAWLEY, B. A. (Lond.) and F. C. S.,
Head Master Grammar school.

20 CAMBRAY, CHELTENHAM, }
ENGLAND, March 7, 1871. }

HON. SIR:—When I wrote to you last January respecting the degree conferred on me by your distinguished university, I omitted to ask you whether Dr. C. J. Sayer, of Claverton street, Belgravia, London, is a properly constituted agent and correspondent of the University of Philadelphia, authorized by you to send in names of gentlemen to be promoted to degrees in law, theology, &c.

If you will kindly satisfy me in this respect I shall esteem it a favor.

I remain, Hon. sir, your obedient servant,

HARVEY B. NOBLE,
*Clerk in Holy Orders, and LL. D. of the
University of Philadelphia.*

The Hon. and Rev., the DEAN.

28 & 29 SOUTHAMPTON ST., STRAND, }
LONDON, September 28, 1871. }

REVEREND SIR:—As robe makers, conducting a large business, we have for some time past been in the habit of making hoods for members of the various degrees conferred by your university, as well as by the University of Philadelphia, but as we have received a letter from a Mr. Wood, of Priestfield, Hawley Castle, Woreestershire, in this country, in which he says: "I have been requested by the University of Pennsylvania to let you know

that no such institution exists as the University of Philadelphia," we trust we shall be excused in making this application to you direct, for Mr. Wood is an entire stranger to us.

We hold public appointment as robe makers, and otherwise have no wish to be in any way compromised in any possible irregular transaction. You will therefore greatly oblige us by saying if Mr. Wood is right in his representation, and at the same time you would confer an additional favor if you would let us know what degrees are conferred by your own university—that is, an entire list of them. Should there be any publication, respecting your university, which would give us particulars, kindly give us its title, that we may order it through a London agency house.

We send by this post our robe circular, as well as our general catalogue of church furniture, and one especially devoted to stained glass; and had we any means of defraying the postage of a reply, we would gladly have availed ourselves of it.

We are, Reverend sir,
Your obedient servants,

Box 1106, f. D.

The Rev'd the DEAN OF FACULTY
of the University of Pennsylvania,
United States of America.

THE GRANGE ACADEMY, }
EPWORTH, April 16, 1870. }

To the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University, Philadelphia :

SIR:—My object in addressing you is to know, on what terms your university confers the degree of doctor of medicine.

I write on behalf of Mr. Geroas Giles Lee, of Misterton. He has practiced medicine for the last thirty years; he is now fifty-five years of age. Medicine has been his favorite study from his youth, and he is extensively and accurately read upon pathology, therapeutics and other branches of his profession. I may mention that, while prosecuting his medical studies privately, he at the same time carried on business as grocer and druggist combined. While thus employed, he gradually came to practice medicine. In the course of his practice, he has effected many wonderful cures in cases of pulmonary consumption, scrofula, scorbutic diseases, rheumatic affections and others, and in consequence he enjoys a very extensive reputation. Some years ago his practice increased to such an extent, that he was obliged to relinquish his business as a druggist. He has never advertised, yet patients resort to him for advice from Hull, Duncaster, Workshop, Thorne, and from other towns in this and the neighboring counties. He is a thoroughly respectable man, a good christian, and holds a good position in society. The only object his friends has in view in desiring that Mr. Lee should have a medical title is, that thereby his influence for good in his profession may be increased. Your reply will oblige

Yours most respectfully,

JOHN K. JOHNSTONE, F. R. S. S. A.

STEWARTVILLE HOUSE, PORTICK, GLASGOW, }
October 31, 1870. }

DEAR SIR:—May I ask the necessary qualifications and expenses, &c. for the degree of D. D. in your university; and, also, whether Dr. Sayer of

61 Warriek street, London, has the official authority he affirms that he has, for negotiating with gentlemen in this country desirous of proceeding to that and other degrees.

I am yours faithfully,

J. W. PENNEY, D. C. L., LL. D.,
(*Ex scholar of University of Durham, L.*)
Incumbent of St. John's Episcopal Church, Glasgow.

40 WILLIAM EDWARD ST., BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, }
October 13, 1870. }

SIR:—As I am desirous to obtain a diploma from your college, I wish to know whether it is necessary for me to appear personally. I have been in practice here some years, and served an apprenticeship required.

Trusting you can favor me without my personal appearance.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ARTHUR BROWN.

TO THE PRESIDENT Medical College, Philadelphia.

—[Extract Copy.]

BROOKLYN, December 4, 1871.

To Dr. Wm. Paine :

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Now how shall we manage for the future. As regards Dr. Beek, you furnished him a diploma before that law was passed, so that you might put the date of your commencement for Dr. Beek diploma—as their law was passed in May last. He was to give you fifty dollars, but is in very great embarrassments, otherwise he would have sent you the money. Do you as you like about it.

(Signed)

J. D. L. ZENDEE,
No. 59 Third avenue, Brooklyn.

There is very fair evidence in one of these letters that there may be even something like fraud in imitating the University of Pennsylvania. Whether any imitation of our diplomas has been pursued I do not know.

I have received direct information that a person who was rejected by us a year ago, has received a diploma from the University of Medicine and Surgery, and has asked to have it ante-dated, so as to correspond with the time when we rejected him, and appear as though he graduated at that time. We rejected him in the spring of 1870, and now asks to have his diploma ante-dated to that time.

Q. Asks whom?

A. He asks that school. Upon getting a diploma for money he asks them to ante-date it.

Q. How do you get that information?

A. By a letter that came to our school, and that was sent to them.

Letter produced and is as follows :

FREELANDSVILLE, INDIANA, }
January 16, 1872. }

Professor Paine :

DEAR SIR:—This day I send you by express \$50, and my note for the other \$50, which I may very likely send before it is due. I am talking of getting a partner next fall, if so, I will be in your city, and will call on you. Please date the diploma back to 1870, which will work all right.

From yours, &c.,

DR. M. M. M'DOWELL.

Q. Is the individual you refer to a resident of this State?

A. No, sir. He resides in Freelandville, Indiana. His name is M. M. M'Dowell.

Q. Do you, of your own knowledge, know of any diplomas sold by this college?

A. I have not seen any of them. It is natural that those who receive them should keep them from my view, and those who have them for sale would do the same.

Q. Have you any information of parties holding them?

A. Yes, sir. There is a person who had a diploma given him who attended no lectures at all, and is now settled in Ohio. He was a mere servant, has no medical education, did not attend lectures, but was furnished with a diploma, and has gone to Ohio to practice there.

Q. Can you give his name?

A. His name is O. Oliver. I received my information from a person who is positive such are the facts. That person is in the city, and I suppose will be subpoenaed himself. These matters came directly to my knowledge less than to others. Mr. Nash is here who has had direct overtures to him to go shares with one of these parties in procuring diplomas for those who have been rejected by us. But that will be for him to say.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

S. W. Butler, M. D., Editor of *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Question by chairman.—Doctor, will you please give us such information as you have in reference to these colleges?

A. I have had a good deal of correspondence with different parties on the subject, and have some affidavits. Unfortunately I have never been able to get hold of a diploma, although I have had two opportunities of doing so. I am sorry to say I was not able to accept. Shall I read the documents I have?

The chairman—You will proceed.

Dr. Butler—Mr. James A. Bush, Sheakleyville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, was offered a diploma by Dr. David Davis, of the same town, for fifty dollars. At the time Mr. Bush was not a graduate of medicine. Davis peddles medicine around the country. The statement does not say from what school the diploma was offered.

I present a communication from F. W. Hogarth, of Port Allegheny, M'Kean county, Pennsylvania, inclosing a card of Dr. A. J. Hale, and also a letter from him. The card was published in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 8, 1869.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of 4th inst. to hand. In reply will say, in order that you may obtain the honorary degree of M. D., for instance, you will furnish me with a certificate stating that you are a regular practicing physician and recognized as such by the medical profession, &c. I will then present your claims to the faculty, accompanied by a strong recommendation, who may see cause to grant you a diploma. If so, it will be sent immediately to you by express, C. O. D., or otherwise, which will cost you from \$60 to \$80 and upwards, according to the school you wish from. The best school that I am prepared to negotiate with at present is the Medical University of this city. The diploma will be guaranteed perfect and genuine in every respect or no sale.

Very respectfully,

A. J. HALE, M. D.,
214 Jacoby street, Philadelphia.

Respectfully forwarded to the editors, *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, for information. Are the medical universities of this country retailing diplomas as the within named doctor offers to furnish them, at a cost from \$60 to \$80 each, *very cheap*.

F. W. HOGARTH, M. D.

PORT ALLEGHENY.

Would like to have the within published for the purpose of exposing such roguery.

[Copy of Card.]

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For additional particulars, address

Dr. A. J. HALE,
214 Jacoby street, Philadelphia.

A communication from Dr. P. J. Farnsworth, Clinton, Iowa, the publication of which, in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, lead to threats of a law suit from one of these institutions, which ended in threats, however, is as follows :

CLINTON, Iowa, *January 18, 1870.*

Drs. Buller and Brinton :

The enclosed papers are exact copies of the letters sent and received by Dr. Chas. Lathrop, of Lyons, Iowa.

Also of the printed cards.

We wish to use the originals in the effort of getting the Legislature of this State to pass a medical law.

I can produce the letters for you at any time, if necessary.

Another friend informs me that the same agency offers the degree of LL. D. for \$80.

I send this because you published something about the matter some time ago. You have said nothing about it since. Make what use of this you like.

Yours truly,

P. J. FARNSWORTH.

CLINTON, Iowa, *January 18, 1870.*

Dr. Butler :

DEAR SIR:—The following documents have fallen into my hands, and as you have been challenged to bring proof of certain charges, I send you the documents to make what use of them you may think proper.

Many druggists, and some physicians, in this country received, during the fall, this card.

[Copy of card enclosed.]

A friend curious in such matters wrote the following letter.

———, IOWA, November 22, 1869.

A. J. HALE, M. D., 214 *Jacoby St., Phila., Pa.*:

DEAR SIR:—I have just received one of your cards, saying that an agency had been established for the purpose of giving information, &c., and the obtaining degrees. I wish to know by what means and the cost of obtaining a diploma from the University of Pennsylvania or New York: I wish to get an M. D. I have been in the practice of medicine for more than ten years. I have studied the regular time but was poor; I wish now to get the degrees if it does not cost too much.

Please give me all the information you can in reference to it; also your charges for getting it for me.

Yours truly,

CHAS. M. SMITH.

To this the following reply came:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 25, 1869.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of recent date to hand. You can obtain, through the recommendation of this agency, the degree of M. D. from a first-class institution, for instance: Medical University, of this city. The faculty of this institution, which is at present in active operation, will give you a diploma at a cost of \$50. Where two is granted at the same time, that is through the influence of the same person for a different name, they can be had at \$80 for the two. In other words, if you can influence another to take out a diploma you save \$10 to yourself, and three besides yours makes yours (or the fourth one) free gratis. They will be sent you by express, C. O. D., as soon as I receive your name in full as to enable me to have them correctly printed on diploma.

Respectfully,

A. J. HALE, M. D.,
214 *Jacoby street, Philadelphia.*

A letter from Dr. H. G. Morgan, Alma, Wis., accompanied by a copy of a medical diploma.

James Cochran, whose name appears among the signatures to the diploma, is an Englishman, and he came to me sometime ago for employment. He said he had been connected with that institution for some time, but his conscience would not allow him to remain any longer. The following is a copy of the letter:

OFFICE OF H. G. MORGAN, M. D., }
ALMA, WISCONSIN, August 4, 1870. }

Messrs. Butler and Brinton:

GENTS:—I send you a document which is a true copy of a diploma registered here as therein stated, and I intended to answer the requirements of a law passed last winter in this State. The Richard Lampe, upon whom this was conferred, was in this place and vicinity at the time that that instrument was issued. He has been before the grand jury charged with perjury, he having sworn that he was a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, and only escaped conviction by the carelessness of the prosecution, besides he is a very intemperate and dangerous man, without knowledge of the profession which he pretends to practice. The medical colleges of this country are intent upon sifting this matter, and we appeal to you for such information as you may possess, that will enable us to expose this fraud.

We would like to know if such school does exist, and if you can favor us with any hints as to the best course to be pursued. You will much oblige us.

Yours truly,

H. G. MORGAN.

Here are some documents in reference to Idris Davis, Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, who holds a medical diploma without having received it in the regular manner. He published an article in our Journal, the truth of which was denied. It was charged that he had not procured a diploma in the regular way, and if he had one he had purchased it. He is a Welchman. It lead to a threatened prosecution of the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*.

[From *Medical and Surgical Reporter*.]

SYNCHRONOUS DOUBLE AMPUTATION.

Editor Medical and Surgical Reporter :

Ryce Griffiths, aged about 26 years ; Welsh ; married ; carpenter by trade. On November 22, 1869, 12:50 P. M., in attempting to get on a loaded coal car while the train was in motion, slipped, and falling with his lower extremities across the rail, one car wheel passed over the left foot at the ankle, and one over the right leg above the ankle. I was immediately summoned by his friends to attend to the case. I saw him within a half an hour after the accident had occurred. I made an examination of the parts and found that the arteries and nerves were lacerated, making a compound complicated case. I found but very little bleeding going on, the arteries being cut through, which assisted the vital power of the vessels to contract. I soon gave my opinion to his friends that both limbs would have to be amputated, and expressed a wish to the sufferer that I should have the opinion of another medical gentleman, to which he agreed. I sent for Dr. George B. H. Swaze, who very kindly came. After Dr. Swaze had made his examination, we determined to go on with the operation as soon as possible. The patient was not very much exhausted when I first saw him ; he felt rather cold ; looked pale ; pulse weak ; reaction very soon came on ; the pulse become fuller ; felt warmer ; looked more comfortable. We put him under the influence of chloroform *et* ether. The left foot was amputated at the ankle joint, after the method of Lyme. The right leg was amputated about eight inches below

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leg, but soon healthy granulations made their appearance. I first dressed it with unground *resina*, and afterwards with unground *cetacei*. I did not use carbolic acid at all. All the parts were quite healed in six weeks, and now I am happy to state that he has for some time been able to walk about on artificial legs.

DR. IDRIS DAVIS,
Mahanoy City, Pa.

October 6, 1870.

MAHANAY CITY, PA., December 20, 1870.

To George W. Brown, M. D.:

My attention having been called to an article in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter* of December 10, 1870, on page 481, under the heading of "Double Amputation," I pronounce the same *false in every particular*, unjustifiable and uncalled for. And I hereby take pleasure in certifying that Dr. Idris Davis was the regular attending physician in the case of the amputation

of the limbs of Ryce Griffiths, and during his entire after treatment, and that Dr. Geo. B. H. Swaze had nothing to do with the case whatsoever, excepting by invitation of Dr. Davis.

O. C. TIFFANY.

MAHANOX CITY, *December 20, 1870.*

I hereby certify that the statement of Mr. Tiffany is correct and true in every particular.

RYCE GRIFFITHS.

A letter which appeared in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter* of December 4, 1869, and the correspondence and affidavit in support of the charge I present. The publication of this letter led to the threat of a law suit.

SELLING DIPLOMAS.

Editors Medical and Surgical Reporter :

In the September (25th) number of the *Reporter* there was a note in regard to the selling of diplomas by some medical college of Philadelphia. It seems that a morning paper had made the charge, but had not designated the institution. Now, sir, I have in my possession the evidence to prove that the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery is engaged in the above business. If they deny the charge I will produce the proof if you will publish it.

Respectfully,

J. T. DAVIS, M. D.

LACONIA, INDIANA, *November 22, 1869.*

PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY, }
PHILADELPHIA, *Aug. 11, 1869.* }

DEAR SIR:—Will you do me the favor to give me a list of the physicians practicing in your place, or immediate vicinity?

I would like them classified as follows:

Graduates, post office address, school.

New graduates, post office address, school.

I would like also the names and address of any students you may know, who contemplate attending lectures soon. Shall be happy to reciprocate favor.

Yours respectfully,

L. FAIRBANKS,

41 *South 10th street.*

PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY, }
PHILADELPHIA, *September 25, 1869.* }

Dr. Davis:

DEAR SIR:—I am informed that you are a practicing physician, but not a graduate. Allow me to ask you whether it is your intention ever to attend lectures and graduate? If so, I can make very favorable arrangements with you. Perhaps with your experience and qualifications, some dispensation may be made in your favor.

Should you feel disposed to give me some further information concerning yourself—your age, the time you have been in practice, and such other facts as you may please, I may be able to suggest something to your advantage.

I mail you an announcement, and hope for a reply. If you desire any of the publications described in the annexed circular, I should be pleased to supply your orders.

Yours respectfully,

L. FAIRBANKS,
41 South 10th street.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16, 1869.

Dr. Jacob T. Davis :

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 13th inst. is at hand, and I am pleased with your style and full appreciation of the doctrine that we are never too old to learn. I am eight years older than you, and so long as I have a mind capable of receiving knowledge, I hope to continue to learn. Knowledge has no bounds, and the idea of a finished education only exists in the brains of conceited fools.

As it seems, however, that it will be impracticable for you to attend lectures at present, permit me to say that I am well enough satisfied with your qualifications, age and experience, to offer you my services to secure for you the honorary degree. A good representative in your place may benefit the institution, and certainly ought not to do it any harm.

You would be required to pay the fees of a single session and graduating fees, which amount to \$185, and furnish proper credentials. You would then have the privilege of attending lectures at any future time, at your convenience, should you ever desire to do so, without charge.

Upon receipt of your reply, if you can accept this proposal, I will send you the form of credentials.

As requested, I mail you a catalogue, and a specimen copy of the Journal.

Yours respectfully,

L. FAIRBANKS.

(Confidential.)

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1869.

Dr. Jacob T. Davis :

DEAR SIR:—I have not yet received an answer to my last letter to you. Would like to know whether my proposition was accepted. An answer will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

L. FAIRBANKS.

Dr. David T. Davis, of Laconia, Harrison county, in the State of Indiana, being by me duly sworn according to law, upon his oath says that he did receive in the fall of 1869 several letters, (said letters now in the possession of S. W. Butler, No. 115 South Seventh street, Philadelphia, editor *Medical and Surgical Reporter*) from one L. Fairbanks, 41 South Tenth street, Philadelphia, President of the Art Department in the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, offering him a diploma from the said university for the sum of one hundred and eighty-five dollars. No previous attendance on lectures required.

JACOB T. DAVIS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1871.

SAMUEL W. STALLINGS, J. P

STATE OF INDIANA, }
Harrison county, } ss:

I, Benjamin P. Douglass, clerk of the circuit court within and for said county, do hereby certify that Samuel W. Stallings, whose name appears to the above jurat, was at the date thereof, to wit: the 30th day of November, A. D. 1871, a justice of the peace within and for said county, duly elected, commissioned and qualified, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of our said court at Corydan, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1871.

B. P. DOUGLASS, *Clerk.*

[L. s.]

LACONIA, HARRISON CO., IND., }
December 21, 1869. }

S. W. Butler, M. D., (*Ed. Med. and Surg. Reporter :*)

DEAR SIR:—Yours of December 8th is received. I haste to reply by first mail. In your letter you state you are threatened with prosecution for libel for the publication of my letter in regard to the selling of diplomas by the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery. In accordance with your promise and your request I herewith send you the proof. It is, as you will see in letters received by me, from one L. Fairbanks, 41 South Tenth street, Philadelphia. This man Fairbanks is one of the faculty of the college referred to. From a circular of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery for 1869 and 1870, L. Fairbanks, A. M., Esq., is stated to be president of the art department, professor of medical technology, &c. The letter marked No. 1 was sent to this post-office addressed thus: "To any physician of Laconia, Harrison county, Ind." It was handed to me by the post-master. I opened it and read it but never replied to it. The letter No. 2 I answered substantially, as follows: In answer to his question as to whether I intended to attend lectures, I stated I did, and not merely one or two courses, but if I lived twenty or thirty years longer I shall still endeavor to attend a course or part of one every two or three years, but I gave him no intimation as to when I intended to attend a course. I also gave him my age and the number of years I had been in practice, &c. In answer to his statement about experience, qualification, &c., I stated that if at any time I should manifest talent that would be considered worthy of recognition by a medical college in the shape of an honorary degree I would accept of the honors, but I stated to him that *I should never ask for anything of the kind*. I further told him that I did not know what his *real* object was in writing to me; and writing to him in the way I did, I did not expect to hear anything more from him, but what was my surprise in a short time after along comes another letter filled with blarney and propositions for me as you will see the honorary degree on the payment of the sum stipulated. I received from him a copy of their annual circular, also a copy of the *University Journal*. I requested these; but, as stated, I did not ever expect to receive another letter from him, but it proved that he was not to be thwarted in that way, as you will see that No. 3 was not answered, and I felt like giving him *boots* and a *slap* in the *face* in the bargain for making such a proposition to me, but finding I did not answer his letter (No. 3) he writes me another, (No. 4,) wanting to know whether his proposition was agreeable or not. I have not answered it. I do not propose to lend my aid in any way to such nefarious business.

And right here, sir, I would state that although I have not had the advantages I would desire in regard to education, it is not in consequence of a want of desire for it, but simply a want of means.

I have been in practice about six years, but previous to this I had studied medicine for more than ten years while in a drug store, and also in the army. As to my character and standing I can refer you to the following physicians:

New Albany, Indiana, A. S. Green, M. D., University of New York; E. S. Crozier, M. D., University of Michigan; John Sloan, M. D., Bowdoin College; S. C. Alexander, M. D., Medical College, Ohio; Charles Bowman, ———, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Wm. H. Sheets, M. D., Cincinnati College Medicine and Surgery. I could give you many others if necessary.

I sent you the letter of November 22 because I did not want any medical college to lay under the charge that was not guilty, and as I considered and still consider that the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery is guilty of the *low, mean, dirty* work referred to, I have deemed it best to send you this expose. I do not doubt but that there are many who have and will yet avail themselves of the *so-called honor* in the manner referred to above, but I *distinctly wish it to be understood that I am not one of that number*. I loathe and detest such a course, and will do all I can to thoroughly expose the whole affair.

But by reference to an item in the September No. of the *Chicago Medical Journal*, 1869, under the heading, "Cheap Enough," will be found the following:

"CHEAP ENOUGH.—We are enabled to inform the solicitors that an agency has been established in this city for the sale of Philadelphia diplomas of M. D. Several somewhat notorious characters here have already availed themselves of this royal (*Albert-Paine-fees*) road to knowledge. Did not the phrase savor of slang, we might say that the thing is being done *Brown*. We are informed through a rejoicing M. D., whose parchment was thus procured, that no attendance upon lectures or examinations by the faculty is required, but simply a certificate from the local agent that the candidate is worthy. So far has this been reduced to a system that the dean of the faculty actually writes diplomas (in a note before us) in the same category with post office addresses."

As will be seen from the above, (which you have doubtless seen before,) this same business is carried on in Chicago in behalf of the Philadelphia College. Now, sir, you are at perfect liberty to use whatever of this you please, only I would, if you can do so, request you to withhold my name from print.

I have written this for your own use, not for publication, hence I have not been so careful in phraseology as I would had I designed it for the public eye.

Very respectfully,

JACOB T. DAVIS.

LACONIA, INDIANA, *December 26, 1871.*

S. W. Butler, M. D.:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request I herewith send you the affidavit referred to in your note. I would gladly have sent it earlier, but could not in consequence of sickness. I trust, however, it will be received in time for your purpose. I do sincerely hope that the whole of the bogus diploma business will be speedily and effectually exposed and punished. Every honorable practitioner should, and doubtless will, frown down and try to aid those who are endeavoring to expose and punish such nefarious

business. I think I can trace the way that Fairbanks got my name. I believe it was sent to him by a physician that practiced here in this place at that time, but who is now moved away. He, of course, expected that I would bite at the bait readily, but to use a very plain and homely phrase, "he was barking up the wrong tree." As to my standing as a practitioner, I refer you to the following gentlemen, Drs. S. S. Green and S. C. Alexander, of New Albany. Dr. E. S. Crozier, late Professor of Chemistry in the Louisville Medical College, Drs. Wm. Reader and Jacob C. Clark, of Corydon, Indiana; also Drs. David C. Pusey, of Breendenberry, Kentucky, and Henry K. Pusey, of Garnettsville, Kentucky. I could give several others if needed. I do this as the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery may try to make it appear that I am not considered a respectable physician.

I am yours, very respectfully,

JACOB T. DAVIS.

Q. Is Fairbanks connected with that establishment now?

A. I do not know.

I also present documents from J. Pedrick, special detective in the post office department, as follows:

ENGLAND, *April 12, 1871.*

DEAR SIR:—You may remember that about a fortnight or three weeks ago I addressed a letter to you asking you kindly to inform me, as a private English gentleman, certain things about the American University of Philadelphia.

Your reply has not yet come to hand, but I have no doubt that in due time I shall receive it.

A fortnight before I wrote to you I addressed a letter to the secretary of the American University of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, United States, and to my great surprise I yesterday received a letter in reply from a person signing himself John Buchanan, personating the dean of that university. It is a very unusual thing in England for a superior officer to answer a letter addressed to a secretary, who in England is an inferior. This proceeding has so much surprised me as to induce me to address another letter to you to ask you the following questions, and shall be very greatly obliged to you for an explicit answer. Will you kindly inform me as follows:

1. Can you explain to me how it came to pass that my letter addressed to the *Secretary* should be answered by a gentleman personation the *Dean*?

2. Who is the secretary and who is the dean of the before named university?

3. Where is the American University of Philadelphia situated?

4. Where does the dean reside?

5. Who resides at 514 Pine street?

6. Can you assure me that all communications for 514 Pine street and signed John Buchanau, are to be relied upon as genuine letters and documents from the dean of the university before named?

7. I am informed that the officers of the university are a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, (who I am informed is the Hon. Howard F. Clothier,) and a board of trustees, of which the dean is the head. Is that so?

You will do me and many other gentlemen a great kindness by plainly answering each of these questions, and inscribe your letter to me (unpaid) in the enclosed envelope.

I am yours truly,

The Post MASTER, Philadelphia.

[Card.]

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JOHN J. FULMER, M. D.,
Collegiate Agency, 825½ Locust street, Philadelphia.

(Confidential.)

[Also card of A. J. Hale, heretofore presented.]

The following letters were also presented:

ROCHESTER, *December 5, 1871.*

DEAR SIR:—After having made your acquaintance at the last meeting of the State Medical society, where I was delicate from Beaver county, I take the liberty to ask you one question:

A person from here, who had never studied medicine before, left for Philadelphia in the fall to attend lectures at a medical school, and has come back since with a diploma from a chartered college, as he says. Please inform me whether there is a chartered institution in Philadelphia yet, that issues diplomas to unqualified persons?

Yours, very respectfully,

DR. CHAS. FOERSTIGE,
Rochester, Pa.

MINNEAPOLIS, *May 7, 1869.*

Dr. Stoples & Richardson:

SIR:—You have received one of these cards from Dr. Williams. You see, by the enclosed card, that I have been appointed agent for this State in this matter.

This will not at all interfere with any previous business with him, but simply to request you to give me the names of any practicing physicians, either in Ninona or elsewhere, who are not provided with diplomas, so that I may send them cards. If you are disposed to act as a sub-agent and procure applicants, *not mentioning terms*, I will make it for your advantage to do so.

There are, probably, some in your town that are interested in this matter. and might be shown this card, and simply asked if they were interested in that matter? If so, they will say so; if not, you will know it. Will you attend to the matter in your vicinity, as I have not the time to canvass personally. I can send you some of these cards, if you can use them to advantage.

These matters are, of course, strictly confidential, as we propose mutually to help each other in the profession.

Dr. Lewis has made arrangements already with Williams. Please write immediately, and let me know all particulars and what you will do. This

matter can be conducted in a quiet way by districting the State, and I make you the first offer. How much will you do?

Respectfully yours,

E. SNELL.

HENNEPIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 22, 1869. }

MY DEAR DOCTOR:—At our stated meeting held last evening, a resolution was adopted concerning the accompanying papers, of which the following is a copy:

Resolved, That the papers laid before the society by Dr. Kimball, be transmitted to the secretary of the State Medical society, with the request that he call the attention of the deans of the various medical schools through the country to the same.

You will see, my dear doctor, that these papers are substantially the same as those which I had the honor to present to the State society last June, and our resolution similar to the one adopted there. Will you be kind enough to let me know what action you have taken in the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. F. HUTCHINSON.

I can say this further, I have had opportunities to purchase two diplomas offered me. Not feeling able to buy them myself, I tried to get the University of Pennsylvania to assist me in the matter, but failed to do so. The price asked was fifty dollars each.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Professor Rogers we refused, not because of the price, but because the operation might make us *particeps criminis* in case of legal proceedings.

Professor Rand, of the Jefferson Medical College, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

By chairman.—Q. Will you please give whatever information you can in reference to the matter under investigation.

A. I submit first some documentary evidence as follows:

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1870. }

DEAR SIR:—I have understood, not from Mr. Orlady, that you are practicing under a bought Eclectic diploma. If this be true we cannot admit you as a candidate for the degree in this school.

Yours truly,

B. HOWARD RAND, *Dean*.

MR. A. R. MCCARTHY,
Dudley, Huntingdon co., Pa.

DUDLEY, December 23, 1870.

Prof. B. Howard Rand, M. D.:

DEAR SIR:—Your decisive note of yesterday surprises me. I think you must have been misinformed by an interested rival or enemy of mine, or your informer must have derived his news from such a source. I think I have already suffered enough from the hands of members of this *liberal* profession, having already been prosecuted by a couple of drunken esculapians for practicing without a diploma.

Just now I shall not attempt to explain. If you had allowed me an explanation when I wrote you last spring the other diploma need never have

been exhibited. Necessity sometimes compels us to do what may not be in accordance with our wishes.

Please withhold your judgment until I see you.

Respectfully yours,

A. R. M'CARTHY,
Dudley, Huntingdon co., Pa.

HUNTINGDON, PA., *December 19, 1870.*

Prof. B. HOWARD RAND,
Philadelphia, Pa.:

DEAR DOCTOR:—Yours of the 17th to hand this A. M.

Dr. A. R. M'Carthy holds and is practicing on a diploma obtained from the Eclectic Medical College on Arch street, Philadelphia, (not the Paine school,) bearing date of 1869. Whether or not the diploma was purchased I cannot say. I have seen the diploma, also a certificate and receipt for the payment of one hundred (\$100) dollars for professor's tickets in the same college, signed by the dean of the faculty.

He is looked upon as an irregular practitioner, and I would not consult with him if called upon to do so.

Suit was brought against M'Carthy last November by Dr. Conrad for practicing without a diploma, in violation of a law passed during the last session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. When on trial, M'Carthy produced this Eclectic diploma and was acquitted, Dr. Conrad having the costs of prosecution to pay.

Yours truly,
D. P. MILLER.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGIATE AGENCY, }
825½ Locust street, }
PHILADELPHIA, April 5. }

Dr. A. V. Chessrown:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 1st inst. is at hand, contents noted. I can comply with your request on the following conditions:

I will send you interrogatories, which, if answered, I will make application for you, which by my influence will grant the desired degree, (M. D.)

There will be a thesis required also in your own handwriting with your full name attached.

Fees, European, \$300 in gold.

Fees, American, \$100 in currency.

If you should order drugs or medicine the order will be filled through the agency as cheap, if not cheaper than if you order them from the druggist. I will guarantee all drugs or medicine ordered through this agency will be pure and unadulterated. Books and instruments can be furnished cheaper through this agency than can be had elsewhere. Orders will be filled at the lowest price. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain respectfully,

JOHN J. FULMER.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, *October 28, 1869.*

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed please find a card of a scamp in your city who is circulating them throughout the west. I inferred from it that he was a swindler, and wrote him inquiring the price of diplomas, &c. I enclose you

his reply, hoping that you may be able in some way to put a stop to his nefarious business, or at least to put the profession on their guard.

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Yours truly,

G. R. HENRY.

Prof. B. HOWARD RAND, *Philadelphia*.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, November 11, 1869.

Dr. B. Howard Rand :

DEAR SIR:—I have just received the within from Hale, and have written him as follows :

BURLINGTON, November 11, 1869.

Doctor A. J. Hale :

Yours of the 8th is at hand. I have not written you because I have not had the money, and I fear I will not be able to get it before Christmas, so you need not send the diploma until I write you again.

Yours truly,

G. R. HENRY.

If you and Prof. Rogers think it worth while to prosecute this further, I will write to him and get a diploma, not in my own name, but with my initials to another name.

If you think the game worth the powder, I shall be glad to aid you in unmasking the scoundrels.

Very respectfully,

G. R. HENRY.

During last summer, I think in June, I had a visit from a gentleman, bringing me a letter of introduction from Mr. George W. Farnham. He represented himself to be professor of toxicology and chemistry in the Pine Street Medical College. He stated, that notwithstanding the recent act of the Legislature making it a penal offence to sell diplomas, they were still being sold at that institution, and also at the institution known as the Philadelphia University. He said that, owing to the risk, the price had advanced to one hundred dollars, and that if I would guarantee him two hundred dollars, he would bring me a diploma from each institution, made out in the name of anybody, deaf, dumb or blind, man or child, or anybody else, by which the thing could be exposed. In order to gain time I said I had no authority to act in the matter, but that I would lay it before the faculty. I did so, and the faculty declined to take any action. The man lives in the city, and I think he could be found. His name is J. Dunbar Hylton. My testimony on this point can be confirmed by Mr. Fairman and the rest of the faculty, and also by my janitor, should Hylton deny the facts. There are two members of our class who have had diplomas offered to them for a price. I have given their names to your sergeant-at-arms, that they may be summoned as witnesses. More than this, I have no positive evidence to give.

Q. Do you know, of your own knowledge, of any diplomas being sold or purchased?

A. No sir; the whole thing has been managed very cunningly.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

George W. Fairman was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

By chairman.—Q. Please state to the committee what you know in reference to this matter.

A. The first knowledge I had of this matter was a communication enclosing Dr. Hale's card. Being attached to the post office department, I placed the card and letter in the hands of a special detective. He proceeded to investigate the matter, and the result was, that the letters addressed to A. J. Hale, Jacoby street, who got these letters at the office, and those addressed to Dr. Buchanan were held, under a law which prevents us from delivering letters addressed to swindling concerns, such as lotteries, &c.—Subsequently, however, the department decided that the letters addressed to these parties, one or both of them, I forget which, were to be delivered, because they did not come technically under the law. They were returned from the department, having been sent to the dead letter office, and delivered. The facts obtained in reference to that institution are in the hands of special detective John Pedrick, Coates street, above Twenty-second. Subsequent to Dr. Rand writing to me, I, as an official in the post office, received a number of letters similar to those that have been read, asking whether there is such an institution as the Philadelphia University, or whether this institution on Pine street is a legitimate one, saying that they had been in correspondence with the dean himself, and were applying for different kinds of degrees. Before this time J. Dunbar Hylton was employed in the post office as a clerk. According to his own statement, he was a graduate of the Pennsylvania University. I was, of course, in constant contact with him in the office. After he had left, he came to me one day, and knowing at the time he was connected with this college as professor of toxicology and chemistry, and said he was anxious to make some disclosures. I told him he had better go to Dr. Rand. He said he would do so if I would give him a letter of introduction. I gave him a little note, merely introducing him to Dr. Rand, and left him to make whatever disclosures he should see proper.

Q. Do you know his residence?

A. No, sir; I think, however, I can ascertain it for you.

His object seemed to be remuneration, or the receiving of compensation for any information he might be able to give as one of the faculty. He stated that if they would raise him a certain amount he would procure diplomas for some person in Hoboken, or some place in Jersey, and that he would obtain the diploma without any preliminary study or attendance at the college lectures by the person. When I first met Hylton it was on a Jersey farm. He was loading a manure wagon, but, of course, that was nothing against him. He afterwards studied medicine, and seemed to be an intelligent fellow. But he was very erratic, and connected himself with this college after severing his connection with the Philadelphia post office.

Q. Do you know anybody in Philadelphia holding a diploma from this institution?

A. I do not, only from report. There is a colored man who killed another colored man in my ward that I believe had one. He was engaged to doctor a man by the name of Porter that I went to see, and he was holding a sort of powwow over him. I took my brother-in-law, who is a physician, around to see him. He told me he was beyond help, and that he would die before morning. He did die. It seems erysipelas, or something of that kind, had set in. I know the black doctor by sight, and think I could find him, although I do not recollect his name.

Q. You do not know that this doctor has a degree from that institution, only from hearsay?

A. Only from hearsay. He lives in my ward.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

R. H. Nash was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

By chairman.—Q. Please tell the committee what you know in reference to this subject.

A. Last spring, very shortly after our college commencement, I met Dr. Hylton, and he asked me if I wanted to make some money very easy. I told him I did. Now, he said, obtain for me the names of all those students who were rejected by the faculty of your institution, and I will furnish them with diplomas for fifty dollars each and give you half the money.

Q. Did he say what college he would obtain them from ?

A. He was then professor of toxicology and chemistry in the Pine street college.

Q. Did he say they were to come from there ?

A. He did not say. I let the faculty know of the circumstance. Afterwards he showed me a diploma such as he was selling. He said he had sold a great many of them, and that his object was to make money. This was on paper, which he said he furnished much cheaper than those on sheep skin. I think he furnished Mr. Flynn, a bar-keeper, with a diploma—at least he promised to do so. He is keeping a place called "The Spot," on Sansom street, below Ninth, on the south side. He was to get a diploma. I am not positive as to whether he did get one or not, but I think he did.

Q. You say you saw some of these diplomas, but do not know from what college they came.

A. I did not read it, but I think it was from the Pine street college. He told me at the time. He spoke of Paine's college and said that if they would give him money enough he would produce enough evidence to break it up.

Q. How long since this conversation took place ?

A. About a week or ten days after the last commencement of our college.

Q. Then this has been within six months ?

A. Yes, sir ; it was in the early part of last March.

Q. The commencement you refer to was the medical commencement ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any diplomas being issued from that institution that you think were spurious ?

A. Only as told to me. Hylton said he was selling them. He told me he was selling some for thirty dollars and some for fifty dollars each. He told me what he had done—that he had sold a great number of them.

Q. Did he give you any names of those to whom they were sold ?

A. None, except this bar-tender, to whom he was to give one.

Q. What do you do in the University of Pennsylvania, with which you are connected ?

A. I assist the professor of anatomy and surgery in preparing subjects and cases.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Prof. Rogers, re-called.

By chairman.—Q. Will you please state how diplomas are issued from your college ?

A. I am very happy to be able to mention the guards which have been placed around the issuing of diplomas by the University of Pennsylvania. It is the medical diplomas I now speak of. In the first place, the student is required to come accredited from some respectable practitioner, and to attend two full courses of lectures. Having studied three years, and being twenty-one years of age, he is required to go through a personal examination by all the professors. If satisfactory he is balloted upon by the whole

assembled faculty. If he be successful his name is sent through the provost to the board of trustees, and they issue their *mittimus*, authorizing the issuing of the degrees. The secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees is then handed the seal of the university with which he seals the diploma. That is kept up to this time in the hands of a committee of the board of trustees. He sits in the room when the diplomas are written, and seals them; having seen that the name of each individual professor is attached, and the name of the provost and that of the vice provost also, he attaches his own name as secretary and treasurer. Not until each one of these conditions has been complied with can any one obtain a diploma. I, as dean, can no more manipulate the granting of diplomas, or promise one to a person, than I can promise to transfer the real estate of Pennsylvania under the seal of that institution. Now, we believe those other institutions are of a character that one man has the management, and that diplomas can be manipulated without any such high responsibility.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

John Flynn, was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

By chairman.—Q. State any information you have in regard to any diploma offered you, or any arrangement by which you were to receive one.

A. All I know is what this Hytton said. I forget his first name. I didn't pay much attention to it. I thought he was joking. He said to me at one time that he had promised me a diploma.

Q. What kind of a diploma?

A. He didn't say; I suppose from his college. He gave me a card at one time to attend lectures, but I never went.

Q. State exactly what your idea of this diploma was?

A. Well, I don't know; I supposed though it must be one from the college; I don't know what else he could mean.

Q. Do you suppose it was a diploma from the college to practice medicine?

A. I don't know what else it could mean.

Q. Were you to pay him anything for it?

A. No; he didn't ask me anything for it.

Q. Did you ever get it?

A. No; I never wanted it.

Q. Did you ever see any of these diplomas?

A. Yes; he showed me one I think.

Q. Do you remember the heading of it?

A. I do not.

Q. Was the one he showed you signed or blank?

A. I cannot positively say whether it was signed or not.

Q. Do you know of any one else he offered diplomas to?

A. Not to my recollection now.

Q. Did he offer you the diploma you saw?

A. No, he didn't offer me that one.

Q. He said he could get you one just like it, did he?

A. Yes, something to that effect.

Q. How long ago did this happen?

A. I guess almost a year ago.

Q. Within a year?

A. About that time.

Q. You concluded you would not go into the practice of medicine?

A. I had no idea of doing so. He used to be joking, and he used to come in there and talk about it.

Q. This was in a public bar?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is where you came to be acquainted?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. This was during a conversation with him?

A. Yes, sir; he used to talk a good deal then, and he used to get to talking with me.

Q. Did he seem to be in earnest, or only joking about this diploma?

A. I could not say that.

Q. What is your opinion, had you felt disposed to practice medicine, do you think he would have given you a diploma?

A. I think if I had attended a few lectures at a certain time I could have got one.

Q. Had he the diploma prepared that you saw?

A. What do you mean by prepared?

Q. Filled out.

A. I did not examine it; I could not say; I just saw the heading, "Eclectic College."

Q. You had no anxiety to engage in medical practice?

A. Oh, no!

Q. You are engaged in mercantile pursuits?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He first suggested this to you, I suppose.

A. I could not say that either.

[Witness dismissed.]

The committee then adjourned until six o'clock P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *February 3, 1872.*

The committee met in the parlor of the Girard house, at six o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

All the members of the committee were present.

Senator Randall, chairman, called the committee to order.

[A paper purporting to be a copy of Rosenzweig's diploma was handed to the committee by Frances Wells. There are no signatures attached to the document.]

George W. Jones, 152 South Sixth street, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Will you please tell the committee what you know in reference to this matter.

A. I was over in New York about six months ago, and getting through with my business, I thought I would look around and have a little sport about town. Opposite the Grand hotel I saw a sign, "*Madame Cleopatra Altonium, M. D., Clairvoyant, &c.*" I thought I would go up there and have a little fun. I went up and asked her if she wouldn't like to advertise in the Philadelphia papers, as I had been connected with the press of that city. She said she had no occasion to advertise in the Philadelphia papers. and that she had a diploma from one of the medical colleges in that city. I saw that she was not an educated woman, and I asked her from what college she got her diploma. She could not tell me. I asked her in what street the college was located, and she could not tell. I then asked her the names of the professors, and that she could not tell. I then went in to look at the diploma, and she took hold of the door and said, "I am very much engaged and cannot pay attention to you," and walked out. I could see that the woman was not educated. That was evidently not her name.

Q. Did you see the diploma?

A. I did.

Q. Did you see the names signed to it?

A. I saw Buchanan's and the others.

Q. What college did it represent?

A. The Eclectic college on Pine street.

If you look over the *New York Herald* or the *New York Sun*, you will see her advertisement under the head of "Clairvoyants."

Q. Was the diploma a medical diploma?

A. Yes, sir; it was a diploma of having graduated. She did not know the name of the college, and actually didn't know the street it was in, nor anything about it. She could not give the name of any one connected with it.

Q. Was it exhibited in her room?

A. It was in a smaller room.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

J. P. Calahan, sergeant-at-arms stated that he had called at 825½ Locust street for John Fulmer, M. D., and was told by parties there that it was a ladies' boarding house, and that no such person resided there. He also called at 214 Jacoby street for A. J. Hale, and was informed by parties there that no such person had resided there for a year past, and that they did not know Mr. Hale.

E. J. Spaulding was duly sworn and testified as follows:

By chairman.—Q. Please give us such information as you have in reference to selling diplomas.

A. I was playing at the piano one day when Mr. Hylton came to me, and asked me in a low voice if I would not like to have two diplomas. I said no, that I would rather gain one. He said that for thirty-five dollars he had an opportunity to get me through a college with just a few questions.

Q. Who said this?

A. Mr. Hylton.

Q. Mr. Hylton resides where you do?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He stops at the same house?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does he reside there now?

A. He still resides there. I took dinner next to him to-day.

Q. He was there to-day?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is your residence?

A. 208 South Eighth street, three doors below Walnut.

Q. What did you say to him?

A. I told him I did not want one that way, that I wanted to gain one in the regular manner however much it cost. There were some other persons in the room and he mumbled to me.

Q. You declined to take the diploma?

A. He did not offer me one himself, he said he could get me one through a friend by my answering a few questions by one professor.

Q. Did he mention the college?

A. Yes, sir.

A. The Eclectic college, 514 Pine street. He mentioned he was a graduate himself of the University of Pennsylvania, I believe.

Q. Do you know of anybody who has a diploma from that institution?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Is this man you spoke of connected with the school?

A. I believe not now. I heard him speak of persons going after him there, so it looks as though he staid there sometimes. His name is painted on the window shutter, James D. Hylton.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday, February 5, at 9 o'clock A. M.

GIRARD HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA,)
Monday, Feb. 5, 1872. }

The committee met at 9 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the chairman, Senator Randall.

A quorum of the committee was present.

Stanley C. Hylton, M. D., was duly sworn and testified as follows:

By the chairman.—Q. Do you know anything of the issuing and selling of diplomas by either one of these colleges?

A. I do not know anything direct. It has been the town talk for some time that the college on Pine street has been selling diplomas.

Q. Were you ever connected with the institution?

A. No, sir. I was never connected with that particular university.

Q. Is there a gentleman of your name that was connected with it?

A. There is a J. D. Hylton, a brother of mine who is professor there of chemistry and toxicology.

Q. Can you tell us where he can be found?

A. I guess you can find him there. I believe he lives at one of the corners of Mervine and Diamond street, but I have never been up there.

Q. Whereabouts is that?

A. Mervine is the first street above Eleventh, I think, and Diamond street is away up town.

Q. Then you know, of your own knowledge, nothing in relation to the issuing of these diplomas?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any person who is said to have procured one?

A. I have understood that several have procured them, but who they are I do not know.

Q. You cannot give any of their names?

A. No, sir; I cannot.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned to meet subject to the call of the chairman.

HARRISBURG, PA.,)
Wednesday, February 7, 1872. }

The committee met in the Senate committee rooms, pursuant to the call of the chairman, at eight o'clock P. M.

The committee was called to order by the chairman.

All the members were present.

John A. Hall, (colored,) was duly sworn, and testified as follow:

Q. What is your name?

A. John Hall.

Q. Where do you live ?

A. In Walnut street, just above Girard avenue, Philadelphia.

Q. What is your profession ?

A. Well, my profession is a physician—a doctor.

Q. Whereabouts did you receive your collegiate education ?

A. I have no classical education, in regard to my being a graduate of any college, any more than what I obtain through my own industry.

Q. You have taken no course of lectures ?

A. No, sir.

Q. From what college did you receive your diploma ?

A. I received my diploma from the Eclectic College, on Pine street, Buchanan's college.

Q. Have you it with you ?

A. Yes, sir. You must excuse its condition, I did not think much of it after receiving it, or else I would have taken a little better care of it.

[Witness presented documents as follows: 1. Scholarship American University of Philadelphia, certifying that for and in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, John Hall, M. D., of Philadelphia, is entitled to full instruction, until graduation, in anatomy, physiology, chemistry, materia medica, surgery, obstetrics, medical jurisprudence, pathology and practice of medicine. Signed, John Buchanan, Dean of Faculty ; S. Roberts, M. D., Secretary. Dated, Philadelphia, December 1, 1868. Seal of the American University of Philadelphia attached. 2. Certificate of examination, in Latin, from Eclectic College of Pennsylvania, signed by Jose Sites, M. D., Henry Hollemback, M. D., John Buchanan, M. D., William Clark, M. D., J. Hill, M. D., M. Bl. S., John D. Hylton, M. D., Professors ; John Fest, President ; C. C. Clothier, Secretary. 3. Diploma from American University of Philadelphia, signed by Buchanan, Roberts, Gregory, Hutchin, Barden and Cochran. Examiners—Wm. Clark, Isaas C. Terry and James Cochran. Seal of the college attached.]

Q. From whom did you receive these documents ?

A. Well, I received that first one from a gentleman by the name of Doctor Fulmer. I supposed he was acting as agent, and he gave me the introduction that I should have all the necessary requirements to become a student of that college. I was very anxious to advance my knowledge of what little skill I had, and render aid and assistance to my fellow man. But I got that paper for my money.

Q. Did you pay anything for this diploma ?

A. Yes, sir ; there is the receipt.

Q. You paid the sixty dollars named in the receipt ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You paid it to Doctor Fulmer ?

A. Yes, sir ; I supposed he was one of the agents who sold such things. For the last diploma, Buchanan sent for me himself. He said he wanted to give me a regular diploma ; to give me all the rights necessary to be acquired by that degree.

Q. Then he gave you this diploma ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ever attend a course of lectures there ?

A. Never in my life, and was never examined.

Q. Did he tell you that this diploma would give you a right to practice medicine in Philadelphia and elsewhere ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know of any of your friends that have received diplomas from this institution?

A. I suppose every butcher in the State of Pennsylvania has got one. I cannot ascertain their names, but I suppose you have any quantity brought before your committee.

Q. Do you know of your own personal knowledge of any of your friends who have one of these diplomas?

A. Not of my own knowledge. I have been told that Dr. Hall has one.

Q. Where does he live?

A. He lives near Barclay road, between Spruce and Pine streets.

Q. Did you pretend to have any medical knowledge before you received this diploma?

A. Yes, sir; I have practiced medicine to the best of my ability, and am very anxious to advance my knowledge further.

Q. Have you ever been a student of medicine at all, under any physician?

A. No, sir; only through my friends in general, and part from books as any person would be trying for information, or ascertaining for knowledge.

Q. Whom did you say granted you this diploma?

A. Dr. Buchanan gave me one of them, and Dr. Fulmer the other.

Q. Did you apply to them for them?

A. No, sir; I didn't make any application.

Q. They made their overtures to you?

A. Dr. Fulmer came to me.

Q. State the conversation that took place when he came to see you.

A. Dr. Fulmer called on me of his own accord. He said, "Hall, I believe that you are pretending to practice medicine." I said, "I am not pretending, I am doing the best I am able." He said, "I will give you an introduction by which you can have a diploma." He said, "of course you have all the necessary requirements for a knowledge of your profession." I told him that I did not know that I had, that my knowledge was not derived from such schools, and that I was not very anxious. He said that for the sum of sixty dollars I could have a diploma. I was not so apt to take hold at first before I gave it some consideration. I looked at the papers and saw that there was a school published of the same sort in Tenth and Chestnut. That made me very anxious to get the diploma. He then brought this first paper to me, and I paid him for it.

Q. Are you practicing medicine now?

A. I am, sir.

Q. When you bought this scholarship did you suppose it was to allow you to attend lectures?

A. I thought it would allow me.

Q. Did you offer to attend lectures?

A. No, sir; I supposed of course they were to notify me.

Q. They never did?

A. They never did notify me.

Q. Did you ever go there and attempt to attend any of the lectures?

A. I never went there to attend lectures.

Q. Have you practiced medicine ever since you obtained that diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You never underwent any examination before the faculty?

A. No, sir; as a home physician in my own family, and from what knowledge I picked up from different books and things, so far as my abilities would allow me, I would advance. Of course I have been a little deprived of an education, as you gentlemen see, but I am very anxious to get hold of the right way—very anxious.

[The testimony of witness here closed.]

J. Dunbar Hylton was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name ?

A. J. D. Hylton.

Q. Your residence ?

A. South-east corner of Diamond and Mervine streets, Philadelphia.

Q. What is your profession ?

A. I am a doctor of medicine.

Q. Have you received a collegiate education, and if so, at what institution ?

A. Yes, sir ; at the University of Pennsylvania ; I mean the old university, and not the Philadelphia University.

Q. Did you graduate there ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. I attended about three.

Q. How long have you been a practitioner of medicine ?

A. I think it is about six years now—six or seven years.

Q. Are you a professor at any of these colleges in Philadelphia ?

A. Unfortunately I was professor in one of them. I suppose I had better go to work and make a statement of the whole thing. About eighteen months ago I was asked to fill the chair of chemistry in the college.

Q. Which college ?

A. At what is called the Eclectic College of Pennsylvania, but I find it goes under a number of names.

Well, having graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, and having a high appreciation of the medical curriculum, I thought it would be a great thing to be a professor at a medical college. So I accepted the chair, and went to lecturing there. I found out after I had been there a few months that I was about the only one that gave them lectures, and that the most of those whose names were down as professors never lectured at all. Things did not seem to be going on right, so I called upon Professor Rogers, first of all, of the University of Pennsylvania. I told him that I did not think things were right. The interview didn't amount to anything, as the professor was very busy that day. A little time went on, and I called on Dr. Rand, of the Jefferson College. There was a blunder in the papers, or a mistake on his part, in his testimony, that he will correct the first time he can get before you. I told him that I had a channel by which diplomas could be bought from the Eclectic College of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia University, carried on by William Paine, and if the money was furnished for the degrees they could be obtained, and the facts laid before the Legislature, and that I could obtain them for any child. From the way he talked I thought he would go into it. So I called upon Dr. Prof. William Paine, and told him I would like a diploma for a relative of mine. The relative was a little baby of mine about two years old. I didn't tell him the age though. I told him the name John Dunbar Faigal Hylton, and he was to have a diploma, giving him a medical degree. He was also to be doctor of laws and languages. They were made out for me, and shown to me, but these parties failed to pay the money that I expected, and I could not afford to invest that amount myself. So I finally called upon Mr. Elliott, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, but he would not do anything, and so the thing fell through, or to-night I would have had a baby about three years old a medical doctor and a doctor of laws and languages. When I first went in that college, Dr. Paine told me that he had a chance to make a fortune by graduating all of our classes, and that it could be done legally

by selling them all scholarships. It was to be an understood thing that the money given for the scholarship, was to pay for the diploma also; that it was not safe to sell the diplomas, but that they could sell the scholarships and give them the diplomas. All these things coupled together is why I called upon the parties I have named, but they would never co-operate with me. I have given the gentleman who called upon me day before yesterday the names of several parties, and one of them you have had before you to-night—Dr. Hall. Dr. Hall has a diploma with my name attached to it. I never examined Dr. Hall, and he never attended a lecture of mine.

Q. Is that your signature?

[Diploma of John Hall shown witness.]

A. I have always, I beleive, signed my name J. Dunbar Hylton, to distinguish myself from the other Hyltons in Philadelphia. I don't think I ever signed one that way. I would not say whether it is my signature or not, but it looks very much like mine, but I cannot remember ever signing one that way. That one is signed with the "John" to it, I hardly ever write the "John." The reason why I am pretty certain I never signed it is that there is a gentleman here to-night who had a diploma with my name signed to it that I can swear is not my signature, because it is a great deal better than I can write. I told him several days ago that it was not my signature. Now to-night he comes with a diploma signed James Cochran, professor of chemistry. If you look at the *Journal* you will find that my name is among the list as professor of chemistry and toxicology, showing that they put in anybody's name. The whole amount of it is that these two colleges have been issuing diplomas for a number of years to anybody who would pay for them, and if there was a proper investigation we could find quantities of people in Europe, that were never on the continent of America, that have all the professional honors, in full bloom, that they have obtained for money from these institutions.

Q. Did you say that you called on Dr. Paine in regard to this diploma for your child?

A. Yes, sir; first of all, Paine wanted me to sell diplomas.

Q. Did you call on him about this?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he agree to grant it?

A. Certainly, it was made out. I told him that I could not furnish the means myself, and that my relative had not the money. He wanted to ante-date it some four years, and I told him that the party was not in the country at that time, and that about two years would come right. It was made out for that time back. I could have got the diploma without money by giving him my diploma from the University of Pennsylvania. He told me that he could often get from eight hundred to a thousand dollars for diplomas from that institution by rubbing out the name and inserting another; that anyway he could get three hundred dollars for it, and give me the balance. I told him that it would be like parting with my birth-right, and that I could not do it. If Dr. Rand had not mentioned my name before the committee, I could purchase a diploma from them this very night for anybody. Now I am looked upon as spying them. I regarded it as my duty to burst them up, and have used every effort in my power to do it, and shall not cease until they are.

Q. How many professors are there in the institution to which you belonged?

A. There are such a lot of them that I cannot recollect them all. Some months the *Journal* comes out with such a list that it would be an utter

impossibility to remember them. In the *Journal* for July last the faculty of the college is given as follows :

Joseph Sites, M. D., Prof. of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children.

Henry Hollembaek, M. D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

John Buchanan, M. D., Professor of Surgery.

Ed. Down, M. D., Professor of Surgical Anatomy and Operative Surgery.

H. C. Stickney, M. D., M. A., Professor of Anatomy.

William Clark, M. D., LL. D., Professor of Practice of Medicine.

J. D. Hylton, M. D., Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology.

J. Isaacs, M. D., Professor of Aural and Ophthalmic Surgery.

N. Bedortha, M. D., Professor of Hygiene.

A. P. Bissell, M. D., Professor of Physiology.

George H. Hutchings, M. D., LL. D., Professor of Diseases of the Throat and Laryngoscopy.

Matthew Hale Smith, M. D., LL. D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

Wm. H. Bowlby, M. D., Professor of Gynecology.

R. H. De Beust, M. D., Prof. of Descriptive and Comparative Anatomy.

R. M'Lellan, M. D., Prof. of Diseases of the Skin and Venereal Diseases.

R. H. De Beust, M. D., Demonstrator of Anatomy.

James Hill, M. D., D. D. S., Professor of Mechanical and Operative Dentistry.

R. H. De Beust was there a few weeks. He graduated with me at the University of Pennsylvania, the same day I did. R. M'Lellan, James Hill, and some of the others I never saw. I do not know whether they ever lectured in the school.

Q. Do you know that Dr. Isaacs ?

A. Yes, sir. He ran as coroner last fall.

Q. What position does he occupy in the college ?

A. They have such a quantity of imaginary titles that I hardly know, but I believe he is professor of the eye and ear.

Q. Was he professor in the college at the same time you were ?

A. He has been there ever since I have, and long before I ever heard of the college. I never heard of the college until about eighteen months ago.

Q. Was he lecturing there at the time you were lecturing there ?

A. His name was published among the list of professors, and I suppose he lectured there, but I do not know whether he did or not. He lives on Arch street, just above Eighth.

Q. What college did he graduate in ?

A. I don't know, sir.

There is one party here in the list, William Clark, who professes to be a graduate of almost every university in the world, except the University of Pennsylvania and the Jefferson College. He travels around, curing all manner of diseases. He has obtained diplomas by purchasing them, I suppose, from widows. I do not know how else he has obtained them. This Dr. Buchanan pretends to have a charter for a colored college. Dr. Paine does not. But there can be as many colored physicians found, in a short time, holding Paine's diplomas as Buchanan's. In fact, Dr. Buchanan run last fall for office, on an independent ticket, and I believe almost every colored gentleman throughout the whole district was presented with a diploma if he would work for him.

Q. Do you know Dr. Bissell ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is he connected with that college now ?

A. I do not know whether he is or not. I have been told by some of the students that those fellows never lectured. Bissell is a very nice man, but I believe he never managed to get through a lecture.

Q. Are you connected with that college now?

A. No, sir; I dissolved my connection with the college sometime ago.

Q. What are required of students there to entitle them to an examination for the degree of doctor of medicine?

A. When I first went there I was under the impression that they had to attend two courses of lectures, write a thesis and undergo a rigid examination by the faculty. Up to the time of the first examination I was under the impression that all the professors examined them, but I soon found out differently.

Q. What was the average number of students in attendance?

A. Sometimes I have seen that the attendance was very irregular. I have sometimes had as high as seventy, and never less than ten, to attend my lectures. The attendance upon lectures was, however, not a fair thing to go by, for many medical students, when they think they will not have to undergo an examination, will cut the professor and not attend the lectures.

Q. Did you lecture one or two courses in that school?

A. I lectured all last winter, and have lectured occasionally besides. I was not at the summer course. I left sometime in the spring.

Q. You delivered one course?

A. Two; I lectured two winters. They had three courses last year, and I lectured two courses, and have lectured a part of a course this winter. They have many courses I know nothing about.

Q. When does your session commence?

A. It commences the last of October.

Q. When does it cease?

A. It ceases, I believe, as soon as ever the parties want to leave. That is what I found out.

Q. They usually continue four months?

A. Yes, sir; they should. The prospectus they send out is very good, and would be all right if they would live up to it. And it is the same at the other one. When I speak of one I mean both. Paine's is more corrupt even than Buchanan's.

Q. You say you are a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. What are the facilities for obtaining a knowledge of the profession of medicine in that college, compared with the facilities in these other colleges?

A. I hardly know how to make a comparison. It is too much like making a comparison between an elephant and an ant. At Paine's and Buchanan's colleges, their object is simply to run them through as soon as possible, and give them any degree they wish.

Q. Do you know John Flynn?

A. Yes, sir; I know him slightly. He tends bar. It may be that that matter wants a little explanation. Since none of these gentlemen that should have joined me in exposing these institutions have done so I have made a general burlesque of them around town. A Mr. Lafferty had a bar tender by the name of John Flynn. They used to talk there about my being connected with this college, and they got up a joke that this man had bought a diploma; but he never did, as he testified himself. Mr. Lafferty is responsible for the whole thing, and it was only a joke.

Q. Did you offer to sell him a diploma?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you offer to get him one without cost?

A. I put a certificate of membership in the Eclectic association across the bar one day, and it may be that he beleived it was a diploma. But it was not one, and was never left there.

Q. You are speaking now of the diplomas of doctor of medicine; does the college issue any other diplomas?

A. O, yes; I believe that they can confer all the degrees that any university in the world can.

Q. Do you know of any other diplomas having been issued by that college—not for the degree of doctor of medicine, but for LL. D., &c.?

A. There have been some issued for LL. D. I have seen them in the possession of parties. One man, who is dead now, had one that I saw. He was an oldish man, and he got it as wishing it through some vanity of his old days.

Q. Do you know of either one of these colleges having agents in Europe for the sale of these diplomas?

A. No, sir. I do not know anything of their agents abroad. But I know very well that they must have them there from what both have told me—both Paine and Buchanan.

Q. Have you ever signed any diplomas there as doctor of medicine, or otherwise, for parties that you knew had not attended the lectures, or were not entitled to them.

A. When I first went there, being an employee of the place, and feeling that everything was done correctly, there were sometimes two or three signed when I did not see the parties. I was told they were for parties that had graduated the year previous, and had not taken out their diplomas at the time, because they had not the money. The signature to the diploma shown here to-night looks very much like my writing. But I never signed it for that man, and never dreamed he had such a diploma.

Q. Has Dr. Buchanan ever made any propositions to you for selling these diplomas?

A. Oh, yes! both he and Paine have.

Q. Have any of the other professors?

A. Oh, no! because they had no more control over them than the man in the moon.

Q. Do you know anything of the relations existing between the managers of these two institutions—Buchanan and Paine?

A. They used to run a college, I have learned lately, up town, somewhere in the neighborhood of Sixth and Callowhill streets, but I knew nothing of it in those days. I did not live in Philadelphia at the time. I did not know that there was another college in the city of Philadelphia at the time I went to lecture at Buchanan's, until a few days before he employed me. When I went to the University of Pennsylvania I did not know that there was any other medical institution in Philadelphia, although I had been living within twenty miles of that city. I have aided in a jocular way, and in other ways, in trying to get parties who did not wish to practice medicine to take out diplomas, for this reason, the only way to burst them up was to show that they would give them to any one. If I should get parties that wanted to be doctors, they would never go forward and testify, parties that were willing to obtain diplomas in that way, and practice under them, are not the men that would come forward and state the truth. I never cared about advising anybody to buy a diploma that I thought would practice medicine.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, how many different kinds of diplomas have you signed there?

A. I never signed anything but a medical diploma. That I will swear to. I have no doubt that there have been graduates I have known nothing about, and no one but Buchanan.

Q. What relation does Dr. Paine hold to the University of Philadelphia?

A. Both of the colleges, and who are the owners, is a mystery to me. But Dr. Paine has the credit of owning it, except that there is a mortgage on it, and Dr. Buchanan has the credit of owning the other one. I have never taken the trouble to look at the record to see who really owned it. They have the credit of owning both places, except the mortgages.

Q. Is Dr. Paine one of the professors in the University of Philadelphia now?

A. I do not know, sir. I heard that it was shut up, and I heard a few days ago that it was to continue.

Q. Has he recently been in the college?

A. I believe he was there at the last examination.

Q. Has Dr. Paine been a professor there at any time?

A. O yes, sir; I have heard him lecture.

Q. How long since you knew of his acting as professor in that particular institution?

A. I think the last time I saw him lecture was about two months ago. I am quite confident he has lectured there within the last two or three weeks.

Q. In what department?

A. He lectured on anything that came to his mind. I believe his particular branch was the theory and practice of medicine.

Q. What is the title of his school?

A. Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery.

Q. Are the diplomas of that institution an imitation of, or similar to, those of the University of Pennsylvania?

A. O, no! They are about the same size. It is only the name that confuses strangers.

Q. How is Dr. Paine connected with the Eclectic school?

A. I believe he calls his the Eclectic school.

Q. There are two institutions then?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What does Buchanan call his?

A. I believe he has over the door, "Eclectic College of Pennsylvania." Then he has another title, "The American University." But Paine calls his "The Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery," and sometimes only "The Philadelphia University," to confound it with the University of Pennsylvania. The gentleman who has testified here to-night received his scholarship and diploma long before I knew the school. There are other colored gentlemen, if they will do it, who can come forward and testify as he has done.

Q. Do you know of any of these bogus diplomas having been issued since the last session of the Legislature?

A. This was given to this gentleman since. There are two other gentlemen, both colored, in Philadelphia, who got diplomas from Paine's place, and never attended lectures.

Q. Have they a hospital attached to that college of Buchanan's?

A. Well, I do not know that the word hospital is confined to any certain sized room. He has one or two little rooms with lounges in them that he may style hospitals, and I guess Paine has the same. I do not know of any such place unless it is some little rooms, or the dissecting room; and that is about the same way with Paine.

Q. When was this you made this arrangement for a diploma for your infant child?

A. Sometime about the first of June or July.

Q. You do not believe that the signature attached to that diploma, purporting to be yours, is genuine?

A. There are some people who have a faculty of signing other people's names, so that it is a hard matter to swear to it. The only thing that makes me doubt it is my signature is that I very seldom sign myself "John D. Hylton," there being a John S. Hylton in Philadelphia.

Q. Are you acquainted with the signatures of any of the other names upon the diploma?

A. I can tell Buchanan's signature, and that is about all; I think that is Buchanan's signature. Hill's signature looks like his.

Q. Are you positive of any of them?

A. No, sir; I am not.

Q. Do you know either one of those signatures?

[Other document signed shown witness.]

A. I do not. That Roberts I never heard of. I think that is Buchanan's.

Q. Am I to understand you that they pick of any body that comes along and make a professor of him?

A. It seems so now; but I did not know that was the case when I lectured there. When they are short I believe they employ anybody who can give a lecture.

Q. Why do some students attend lectures while diplomas can be procured for money alone?

A. I do not know, sir. I never received any money from them. Dr. Buchanan seemed to receive and pay out all moneys. There is one thing I wish to state: they do not pretend to sell the diplomas—they sell the scholarships and give them the diplomas.

Q. Yet some persons attend the lectures?

A. O, yes! They have a good class sometimes.

Q. Might it not be possible that some of the diplomas might be to graduates?

A. I do not pretend to say.

Q. Might it not be possible?

A. Yes, it is quite possible.

Q. What makes me inquire is that you do not feel satisfied that this is your own signature.

A. That looks very much like my own signature, further than that, I do not remember of ever signing one "John."

Q. Do you know of any of the class that came there under the impression that they were attending the regular University of Pennsylvania?

A. Not to this college of Buchanan's, but I have talked with students at Paine's, who thought the scholarships were for the University of Pennsylvania, and they bought them miles from here, south and west.

Q. Under the impression that it was the University of Pennsylvania they were to attend?

A. Yes, sir; but no student ever dreams that he is going to the University of Pennsylvania when he comes to Buchanan's. Plainly speaking, I know that this institution is not so much of a deception as the other. As Dr. Rogers said the other day, it works under a trade-mark so similar that many are misled. But Buchanan's does not mislead in this respect, although I have heard students say it was a deception, because it was not what it was advertised to be in the catalogue.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

William H. Myers, was duly sworn, and testified as follows.

Q. What is your name?

A. William H. Myers.

Q. Your residence?

A. 515 South-Eighth street, Philadelphia.

Q. What is your profession?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you received a collegiate education?

A. I have.

Q. At what college?

A. At the Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend?

A. Two.

Q. How long have you been practicing medicine?

A. Since last October.

Q. Are you a professor at either one of these colleges?

A. I have been appointed professor of physiology in the American University, since the first of January. It is not yet organized.

Q. Is that a different institution?

A. Well, it is all in the same institution at present. The American University is to be on Broad street, below Pine. It was intended that the college should be enlarged and have the university there, but I understand it is now proposed to place it on Broad street.

Q. Are the same professors attached to these two institutions?

A. No, sir; not all of them.

Q. Did you go through the regular course of lectures?

A. I did, sir.

Q. How many students were there at the time?

A. I cannot say the exact number.

Q. About how many?

A. I suppose there were forty or fifty students.

Q. Are you aware of any persons procuring diplomas that did not attend the lectures?

A. I am not, except what I have seen in the papers.

Q. You do not know of any of your own knowledge?

A. Not of my own knowledge.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas from the other colleges being granted that way?

A. No, sir.

Q. Let me look at your diplomas, please.

A. Here is my scholarship, which I took out when I first went to study. This is my diploma when I graduated.

[Witness handed document to chairman of committee.]

Q. Did you ever have any diploma but this, with the name of J. Dunbar Hylton attached?

A. No, sir; this is the only one I received.

Q. When did you graduate there?

A. On the 25th day of May, 1871.

Q. How many months did your courses of lectures continue each winter?

A. They generally commenced in October, and continued until about April or May.

Q. Did these professors all lecture regularly whose names are attached to this diploma?

A. There were more that lectured than are on that diploma.

Q. Did these men lecture regularly whose names are on the diploma?

A. That bottom one, Cochran, I never saw much. There was an auxiliary faculty I should suppose. I do not know anything of the college only as I went there and received instructions. There were parties who lectured there whose names I did not know.

Q. You knew all the professors whose names are attached to this diploma, and heard them lecture, did you not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You say you have been employed as professor in the American University not yet organized; do you know whether it is incorporated?

A. I know very little about it. I understood it was incorporated some years ago by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for all classes, without regard to sex or color.

Q. You do not know who the incorporators are?

A. No, sir.

Q. By whom were you employed?

A. By the dean, John Buchanan.

Q. John Buchanan is to be the dean of that university?

A. He is to be dean of the American University from the first of May.

Q. Who was professor of chemistry during the course you attended?

A. J. D. Hylton. Prof. Fitley would be there sometimes.

Q. Who lectured during the course you attended?

A. Dr. Hylton, on chemistry.

Q. How do you account for it that his name is not signed to your diploma?

A. I cannot account for that at all. We do not see them sign. Our diplomas are delivered to us when we graduate.

Q. You never heard the professor whose name is attached lecture on chemistry?

A. No, sir; but I have on anatomy; he was demonstrator of anatomy.

Q. Did all these men examine you before you got your diploma?

A. We were examined at the close of the lectures.

Q. By those five?

A. At the close of each lecture we generally had an examination.

Q. You did not know Mr. Cochran?

A. I did not know him as professor of chemistry; I knew him as being demonstrator of anatomy there.

Q. During the course did each one of these gentlemen whose names are signed there lecture on same subject?

A. Yes, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

J. C. Hutton was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. John C. Hutton.

Q. Your residence?

A. Harrisburg.

Q. Profession?

A. Medicine.

Q. Have you received a collegiate education?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At what college?

A. The University of Pennsylvania.

Q. The Old University?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You never attended a course of lectures at either of the other medical colleges of Philadelphia?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas having been issued by either one of those other colleges?

A. No, sir; only what I have heard here. I know parties who say they hold diplomas, that is all.

Q. Then you do not know, of your own knowledge, of parties holding them?

A. No, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

A. R. M'Carthy was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. A. R. M'Carthy.

Q. Your residence?

A. Dudley, Pennsylvania.

Q. What is your profession?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you received a collegiate education?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At what college?

A. At the Jefferson Medical College, and the University of New York.

Q. From which college did you receive your diploma as doctor of medicine?

A. From the University of New York.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there?

A. I attended one course.

Q. How many at the Jefferson Medical College?

A. One course, and part of another.

Q. Then I suppose the course you attended at the Jefferson, with the consent from them, entitled you to graduate at the New York University, after taking one course?

A. Yes, sir; that was the rule.

Q. You never attended lectures at the Eclectic College, or the Philadelphia University?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas having been issued by either one of these colleges?

A. I had a diploma from one of these colleges until I graduated from the University of New York.

Q. From which one?

A. From the Pine Street College.

Q. How did you receive that diploma?

A. I had studied with a regular physician for three years then. I had taken one course of lectures and part of another at the Jefferson College, and on proof of these facts to the faculty, and after a slight examination by two of the professors, I obtained the diploma.

Q. They issued your diploma without your attending a course of lectures there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you remember having any correspondence with Dr. Rand?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was there anything said in that letter as to the manner in which you procured your diploma?

A. No, sir; there was nothing said; I believe I said nothing in regard to it.

Q. What did you have to pay for your diploma?

A. I paid the usual matriculation fee of \$5, and examination fee of \$30.

Q. The diploma cost you \$35 then?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know of any other diplomas being issued by either of these colleges?

A. No, sir.

Q. Who informed you that you could obtain this diploma?

A. I wrote to Professor Buchanan about it. He seemed to run the school. I told him I had been practicing for sometime, that I had studied a full term, and considered I was qualified to have a diploma, and would like to pass an examination and get one. He said they were not in the habit of giving them out in that way, but if I would prove these facts, and pass an examination, and write a thesis he would give me the diploma. So I wrote a thesis and went down there.

Q. Did you write the thesis yourself?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. After that he issued the diploma?

A. Yes, sir; he asked me a few questions in regard to a few subjects, but it wasn't much of an examination.

Q. Were you examined by any other professor?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were their names attached to your diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you, prior to that, spend a winter at the Jefferson College, and attend a course and a half of lectures?

A. Yes, sir; one course and a part of another. I only got tickets for one course.

Q. And you afterward attended the University of New York?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What winter was that?

A. Last winter.

Q. Is that subsequent to the time you procured your diploma from Buchanan's school?

A. Yes, sir. I didn't consider that diploma of any account.

Q. Did you say that Dr. Buchanan declined issuing you a diploma unless you gave satisfactory evidence you were qualified?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you did undergo that examination?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And afterwards obtained the diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did I understand you to say that the examination consisted merely of a few questions by one professor?

A. Yes, sir. I didn't consider it much of an examination.

Q. Was it any such an examination as would test a person's qualifications for the practice of medicine?

A. No, sir.

Q. And you were examined by no other professor except Dr. Buchanan?

A. No, sir.

Q. The diploma had the names of several professors attached?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. So as to be in regular shape and form?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have that diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Not here?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever undergo an examination at the Jefferson school?

A. No, sir.

Q. Can you tell us the names of some of the professors whose signatures were attached to your diploma?

A. Well, there was John Buchanan, Joseph Sites, Edward Downs, Henry Hollemback, I don't think I can recollect the others now.

Q. Was Dr. Hylton's name attached to it?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Coehran's?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did your examination before Dr. Buchanan compare with the examination by the faculty of the University of New York?

A. It was rather different.

Q. Who are the present professors of the University of New York?

A. Henry Draper is Professor of Physiology, John C. Draper, of Chemistry, Professor Darling, of Anatomy.

Q. Was there a man there by the name of Loomis?

A. Yes, sir; and Budd, Professor of Obstetrics.

Q. Did you obtain a degree there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How was that examination in comparison with the one at Buchanan's?

A. It was pretty severe—Professor Post, of Surgery, was another.

Q. Did your diploma from the Eclectic College have the name of Stiekney or Bissell attached?

A. I think not.

Q. Or Isaacs?

A. I cannot say.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned, to meet subject to the call of the chairman.

JONES HOUSE, HARRISBURG, PA.,
Wednesday, February 14, 1872.

The committee met in the room of Senator Randall, at eight o'clock P. M., pursuant to the call of the chairman.

The committee was called to order by Senator Randall, chairman.

A quorum of the members of the committee was present.

Idris Davies was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your full name?

A. Idris Davies.

Q. Where is your residence?

A. Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county.

Q. Your profession?

A. Medical profession.

Q. Have you received a collegiate education?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At what institution?

A. Charing Cross, London.

[Witness produced tickets of admission and scholarship to various departments of that institution.]

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend ?

A. I believe it was four courses I attended.

Q. Four courses at that school ?

A. Yes, sir ; two summers and two winters.

Q. Did you graduate there ?

A. No, sir.

Q. How long have you been practicing medicine ?

A. Well, I have always been brought up in the profession. My father is a medical man. I have now been practicing, I suppose, about nineteen years.

Q. Whereabouts did you receive your diploma as a physician ?

A. I received a diploma from the Eclectic College of Philadelphia.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. None at all, sir.

Q. Did you undergo any examination there ?

A. I had communicated with the Jefferson school and had been there.

Q. I asked you if you underwent any examination at the Eclectic College.

A. I underwent the examination they requested ; that is a written examination—a thesis.

Q. In that written examination were the questions propounded to you in writing and answered the same way ?

A. No, sir ; I was to choose a subject and write upon it.

Q. You wrote a medical thesis then ; you didn't undergo any examination ?

A. No, sir ; I wrote a medical thesis.

Q. You received your diploma ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you it with you ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You did not undergo an examination by any of the professors of the college ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Who is the dean of the faculty there ?

A. I am not certain whether it was Buchanan or not.

Q. Whereabouts is the college located ?

A. It is on Pine street, above Fifth, I have been there since.

Q. State how you came to receive your diploma from that college ?

A. I spoke to a friend of mine in reference to the matter. I told him I had applied to the Jefferson College in reference to undergoing an examination. He said I had better apply to Buchanan's.

Q. Who said ?

A. My friend said.

Q. Have you any objection to mentioning your friend's name ?

A. No, sir—Dr. McDonald.

They asked that I should send them all my certificates and tickets to show my professional education, and I did so. Afterwards I was requested to send in a thesis, and I did so. At that time I was waiting to make some arrangement before I could undergo an examination at the Jefferson. I did not know whether I should be called in to an examination or not.

Q. Then you received a diploma from the college in Pine street without any examination ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did that diploma cost you ?

A. Ninety dollars.

Q. Did you ever undergo any course of instruction in the Jefferson College?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever apply to the Jefferson College for a diploma?

A. Yes, sir. I can show you evidence here.

[Witness handed the chairman a letter, of which the following is a copy:]

JEFFERSON COLLEGE, *March 1, 1870.*

DEAR SIR:—The examinations are now being held, Monday next will do. The total fees will be \$170, and this must be advanced.

Yours truly,

B. HOWARD RAND.

Q. Have you a copy of the letter to which this was an answer, or was this a personal application?

A. No, sir. I have not a copy of the letter.

Q. Will you state, as near as you can, the contents of the letter you wrote to Professor Rand?

A. I could not do so.

Q. I merely want the idea you conveyed to him asking for a diploma?

A. I had been down there and matriculated in that college in September, 1869.

Q. You paid the matriculation fees?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And this letter in March, I suppose, is an answer to your questions as to the time of the examination and the amount to be paid?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In your communications with Prof. Rand, did you expect to receive a diploma without undergoing an examination or attending any of the lectures at that college?

A. No, sir; I expected to undergo an examination.

Q. Did you expect to attend any of the lectures?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you have any personal conversation with Prof. Rand as to whether he would grant a diploma upon the terms mentioned in that letter, provided you passed an examination?

A. I never had any conversation with Prof. Rand in reference to any diploma at all, only as permitting me to undergo an examination without attending lectures, if that was possible, as I was then in practice and did not wish to lose the time.

Q. Did you see Prof. Rand personally?

A. Yes, sir. I saw him personally.

Q. I want to know your conversation with him personally.

A. If you will please to read these all you shall see.

[Witness handed the chairman letters, of which the following are copies:]

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE, }
Philadelphia, August 3, 1869. }

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 22d ult., received to-day, having been absent from the city. Your case is a strong one. Please let me know how long you have been in practice in all. If it has been long enough to enable me to make an arrangement by which attendance on a full course of lectures may be dispensed with, I will let you know.

Yours truly,

D. HOWARD RAND.

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE,
Philadelphia, August 9, 1869.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 5th is received. I should wish evidence the seventeen years' practice, as well as the previous attendance mentioned your last. These being produced, you will be excused from regular attendance upon the lectures, and can be admitted to examination in March. This can be shown either at the time of your matriculation in September, October, or previous to the examination in March.

Yours truly,
B. HOWARD RAND

Q. Is that all?

A. Yes, sir; this is the certificate I produced to Professor Rand in reference to my practice.

[Certificate produced by witness.]

Q. Then in all your consultations with Prof. Rand he was under the impression that you had taken these courses in Europe?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many courses did you take in Europe?

A. Four courses, I believe; and on my certificates of practice he expected to be able to excuse me from attendance on lectures, and admit me to examination.

Q. And the diploma upon which you are now practicing you received from the Eclectic College in Pine street?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know of any other parties who have been practicing upon diplomas received from that institution, or any other institution, who have not attended a regular course of lectures, and who have purchased diplomas the same as you purchased yours?

A. From that institution do you mean?

Q. From that institution?

A. I could not say exactly.

Q. You do not know of any?

A. I do not know—I believe M'Donald has a diploma from that place.

Q. Where does he reside?

A. In Mahanoy City.

Q. Do you know whether he ever attended a course of lectures there or not?

A. Well, I believe not.

Q. State to the committee where you received the information that you could secure this diploma from that institution?

A. I received the information from Dr. M'Donald.

Q. Did he state upon what terms you could procure it?

A. No, sir; he did not state upon what terms, only he said to send certificates of attendance on lectures, and all that, and see what they would say about it.

Q. And then upon your producing these they gave you the diploma?

A. They sent the diploma.

Q. For which you paid ninety dollars?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you have a personal interview with any person connected with Dr. Buchanan's college?

A. Before obtaining the diploma?

Q. Yes, sir; before you obtained it.

A. No, sir; no personal interview.

Q. The business was transacted through correspondence entirely?

A. Yes, sir; and the introduction of Dr. M'Donald.

Q. And you were not at the college personally before you received the diploma?

A. No, sir; I was not.

Q. Did any of the faculty ever see you before they granted you a diploma?

A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. Not to your knowledge?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever practice in Europe?

A. Yes, sir; I have certificates to show practice there.

Q. The schools grant degrees there the same as in this country, do they not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You do not hold a diploma from any European school?

A. No, sir; the fact is I never presented myself. I have some other certificates from the colleges in London.

Q. State the reason why you never received a diploma in the London school.

A. The reason I did not apply for a diploma is, that the money was short after I finished my studies.

Q. Were any of those certificates you hold from that London institution submitted to the Eclectic College?

A. Yes, sir; I do not remember what ones. I sent some certificates, the evidence of attendance on lectures, and different things there, and a thesis.

Q. And on those certificates, and the thesis, and the payment of the money, the diploma was granted?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you acquainted with Professor Paine?

A. No, sir.

Q. Is his name attached to your diploma?

A. No, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

John W. Stevenson (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Give us your full name.

A. John W. Stevenson.

Q. Your residence?

A. My permanent residence is in New Jersey; I am in Wilkesbarre at the present time.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Minister of the Gospel.

Q. Have you ever received a diploma from any of the colleges in Philadelphia?

A. I have, sir.

Q. From which one?

A. From the Eclectic College.

Q. And the degree?

A. M. D.

Q. Any other?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you undergo a collegiate course there?

A. I did, sir.

Q. At that college?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long?

A. In the course of 1869.

Q. How many lectures did you attend during that course?

A. I expect I attended all of them, I think I did.

Q. How often was that, a month, or week?

A. I went every day except Saturdays.

Q. For how long?

A. The whole winter.

Q. Did you attend any other course there?

A. No, sir. I did not attend any other course there. I had been attending lectures, and had been in a drug store on the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, a long time previous to that, and I had attended the rooms of Professor Woodward, who was one of the instructors in the University of Pennsylvania. I had access to the lectures there, and at the same time I was studying *materia medica* under a young man in the store by the name of Kearney.

Q. What is his first name?

A. "C.," I think.

Q. You say this drug store was on Ninth and Chestnut—is it there now?

A. There is another store there now.

Q. Where is Mr. Kearney?

A. He is deceased. Mr. Wm. Kearney, I think, is alive.

Q. You say you had access to the rooms of Professor Woodward through your position?

A. Yes, sir. I was there four or five years.

Q. Did they allow you, during the course of lectures, to remain in the room?

A. Not particularly. The professor never told me I could not. I told him that I wanted to get a medical education and practice among my people. Of course he could not permit me personally. These rooms were not in the university, but were over the drug store on Ninth and Chestnut. Every opportunity I could get, of course I took it.

Q. After that you attended one course of lectures?

A. After that I went to college.

Q. Which college did you attend?

A. I went to the Lincoln University three years, but did not study medicine there. After I had returned from the university, sometime after that, I went to this institution. It was then on the corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets.

Q. Who were the professors—do you remember?

[Witness presented document in Latin, signed by John Buchanan.]

Q. Did you bring your diploma with you?

A. No, sir. I think, since I come to think about it, I went there in 1868 and 1869.

Q. That is a matter for you to determine.

A. I was not positive about that.

Q. You cannot say positively whether you attended one or two courses?

A. I think I attended two, sir.

Q. After you finished this course did you undergo an examination?

A. Yes, sir. I underwent an examination.

Q. Before how many professors?

A. I underwent an examination before all, I guess.

Q. Upon what subjects were you examined?

A. I was examined upon all the subjects which they had lectured upon that is a synopsis of them, on *materia medica*.

Q. You have a diploma ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was it from this institution ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You did not bring that with you ?

A. No, sir.

Q. The diploma is from that college ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You underwent an examination upon what subjects—the examination in preparation for graduation ?

A. I underwent an examination under each of the professors—there were seven of them.

Q. Do you remember the names ?

A. The names are on a card here.

[Witness presented card with following names : Buchanan, Clark, Hutchings, Roberts and Teny.]

Q. Were each of those professors in the habit of lecturing regularly to the students ?

A. They were, sir.

Q. How many students were there at a time ?

A. I cannot exactly remember ; I guess there were 20 or 30.

Q. In regular attendance ?

A. They seemed to be ; yes, sir.

Q. What were you charged for your diploma at the time you graduated ?

A. I just said, "thank you." I was not charged a cent.

Q. Were you charged anything for your course of instruction ?

A. No, sir ; being a minister of the Gospel, and my anxiety being intense to obtain a knowledge of medicine, I went to see Prof. Buchanan at his house, and asked him if I could attend, and I did so faithfully.

Q. Did you receive any other degree ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Nothing but the M. D. ?

A. Nothing but the M. D.

Q. Did you ever study medicine regularly under any physician before going to college ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you practice medicine ?

A. I do not practice much now, because I do not have time, but I have practiced.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

John B. Nicholas, was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name ?

A. J. B. Nicholas.

Q. Your residence ?

A. This place, sir—Harrisburg.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Druggist.

Q. Have you a diploma from any of the colleges in Philadelphia ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. From which college ?

A. The Eclectic.

Q. What is the nature of the diploma ?

A. Doctor.

Q. Did you undergo a collegiate course there ?

A. One course.

Q. In what year?

A. In 1871.

Q. Did you ever attend a course of lectures at any other college?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever study under any physician?

A. Well, not regularly. I have been in the drug business eight years, and have been druggist in the country for two years and better. Last summer I sold out the store and thought I would go to the city awhile. I went down to the college and stated my case, and told the number of years I had been in the business, and asked if I could get a diploma. I was told that if I would attend one course of lectures, matriculate, &c., and provided I could pass an examination I could get my diploma. I went to Buchanan after that and told him what the dean had said, and he said that by giving one hundred dollars I could pass through the school. I went there off and on, and attended to my business in the store.

Q. What store?

A. I had a clerk here in the store in Harrisburg. I graduated with the clerk, underwent an examination, was thought capable and received a diploma.

Q. How many lectures do you think you attended?

A. I cannot say that. I did not attend very regularly.

Q. About how many?

A. I was there off and on for perhaps six weeks. I attended as regularly as I could.

Q. Were you there during that time once a week?

A. Oh, yes! more than that. I cannot tell exactly. I would not give any definite idea.

Q. You say you underwent an examination at the close of the course?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By how many professors?

A. Only by one.

Q. Who was that?

A. Hollembaek. I was not there during the examination of the others. I told them I was entirely satisfied to go through with the others, and Buchanan told me it was too late.

Q. What subjects did he examine you upon?

A. *Materia medica*; I could not tell, it was "kinder" different subjects.

Q. What is he professor of?

A. He is professor of *materia medica*.

Q. After that examination by this one professor, you were awarded your diploma for one hundred dollars?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You never attended a course of lectures at any of the other colleges?

A. No, sir; I did not attend that course with the idea of practicing medicine; I never attended a case for my own practice, and never used my diploma.

Q. Do you know of any other persons who have procured diplomas there by attending one course?

A. I have heard of others, and that is what rather disheartened me.—There is a little fellow, by the name of Dean, over in Cumberland county I heard had one, and when I heard that, I began to think it was a humbug.

Q. Did this man that examined you, examine you on all the branches?

A. No, sir; not on all the branches. I did not get my diploma to practice medicine or anything of the kind.

Q. Your diploma is signed by all the professors?

A. Yes, sir; it is a legal diploma. When I had my money paid, I went into the thing very rashly. I was not very well pleased with the school, and I went there only one course.

Q. How many were in the class you graduated with?

A. I think there were from 16 to 20.

Q. How many had attended two courses?

A. For all that I saw they were attending pretty regularly.

Q. Was that the first or the second course?

A. It was the second course.

Q. Did any others attend that course besides yourself that merely attended that one course of lectures?

A. I cannot tell; I was only to the one course.

Q. Were you ever a student of medicine under any physician?

A. Not particularly. I have been dealing in medicines for some years.

Q. Did you ever read a work on each of the branches of surgery, and practice, &c.?

A. I have always had access to a doctor's office for the last eight years.

Q. Did you ever read one work on each of the different branches?

A. I have read works on all the different branches. I have them complete in the drug store to-day.

Q. Their course of lectures was, I suppose, four months?

A. Yes, sir. Four months.

Q. You attended about six weeks?

A. Somewhere along there.

Q. Do you know where this man Dean is that you speak of?

A. He is in Cumberland county, I do not know exactly where. His brother owns a drug store here.

Q. Do you know he has a diploma?

A. I think he has; I could not say for certain. I asked the janitor at the college whether Dean had a diploma, and I said he had not gone through any two courses of lectures there. He said he did not know.

Q. Who was the janitor at that time?

A. I do not know his full name; we used to call him "Joe."

[Testimony of witness closed.]

W. W. Brown was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. W. W. Brown.

Q. Your residence?

A. Bellefonte, Centre county, Pennsylvania.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I am a lawyer and an editor—a lawyer by profession, an editor in practice.

Q. Have you a diploma from any of the colleges in Philadelphia, in any of the degrees usually granted by colleges?

A. I have the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Q. That is LL. D.?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you state from what institution you received it?

A. From the American University.

Q. Where is that located?

A. In Philadelphia ; so my diploma says, that is all I know about it. It came unasked by me—unsolicited. I do not know how I got it. It came to me. I could not tear it open, it came so nicely done up, and I took my shears and cut it open. I discovered I had a very nice Latin diploma. I had been about twenty or twenty-five years out of college, and I did not know whether I could read it or not. Mr. Rankin came in, and I said I guess we can both read this together. He is a lawyer in our town. He thought I couldn't read it, and I thought he couldn't, but between us we read it. I discovered that it was the honorary degree of LL. D. conferred upon William Wallace Brown. I felt very thankful for it, and I thought I ought to have it. I think I was competent to have it.

Q. You never made application to any college for it ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You say you are an editor ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had you been giving this college any puffs ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You cannot imagine any reason why it was sent to you ?

A. I might imagine several.

Q. Are you positive of any reason why it was sent to you ?

No, sir. One thing I can say for the benefit of the college, I never paid anything for it, I never offered to pay anything for it, I never asked for it. That is all I know about it. I know nothing of the character of the school that granted it. I am personally acquainted with one of the professors, Dr. Bissell, and I presume it came through his influence. I could not swear to that. I believe I can honestly say I do not know how it came. I can swear positively that I do not know why they gave it to me unless they considered I was entitled to it as a lawyer and an educated man. It was not through any notices of the college. The college never got any notice in the paper until after the diploma came. Then I gave them a little one and a pretty nice one.

Q. Did you say Dr. Bissell's name was signed to it ?

A. No, sir ; Dr. Bissell is a member of the Eclectic Medical College, my diploma is from the American University.

Q. By whom is your diploma signed ?

A. I cannot say ; I never looked at it after I got it framed.

Q. Is it signed by Buchanan ?

A. Yes, sir ; it is signed by J. Buchanan, and J. M. Buchanan, I think is secretary.

Q. You gave that notice on account of receiving it ?

A. Yes, sir. I have an "A. M." from the Allegheny College at Meadville, and I have the honorary degree of LL. D.

Q. From this college ?

A. I have the LL. D. from the American University.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned to meet at the Girard House, in Philadelphia, on Saturday, February 17, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

GIRARD HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., }
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The committee met at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment. The committee was called to order by the chairman, Senator Randall. A quorum of members were present.

P. A. Bissell, was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your full name ?

A. Philip A. Bissell.

Q. Your residence ?

A. This city—Philadelphia.

Q. What is your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. At what college did you graduate ?

A. At the Old Medical College of Vermont.

Q. Did you ever attend any course of lectures in the city of Philadelphia ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know anything of the issuing of diplomas, by any of the colleges of the city of Philadelphia, to persons not qualified to receive them ?

A. Well, I have heard some stories.

Q. Do you know anything about it, of your own knowledge ?

A. I have seen some diplomas of some colleges.

Q. What do you mean by that ?

A. Two or three months ago, a man by the name of Thomas H. Richards came to me. He met me two or three times, and wanted me to go out to England with him. He had some blank diplomas which he showed me, but I did not examine them closely.

Q. Of what college ?

A. It was the Pennsylvania University.

Q. Located where ?

A. In this city, so he said ; I did not examine the diplomas. He showed me, also, an advertisement he had in the London *Athenaeum*, I believe that was the paper.

Q. What were you to do with these diplomas ?

A. He wanted me to go along with him and help dispose of them.

Q. State what took place—whether you went ?

A. No, sir ; I did not go.

Q. You say you saw the diplomas ?

A. I saw the diplomas, but I didn't examine them.

Q. By whom were they signed ?

A. I cannot say by whom they were signed.

Q. Give me the name of one of them.

A. I didn't examine them I told you ; he showed them to me. He said they were from the Pennsylvania University.

Q. Then you do not know, of your own knowledge, whether they were from the Pennsylvania University or what school ?

A. No more than what he told me. He wanted me to go to England with him.

Q. Do you, of your own knowledge, know of any diplomas, either of that college or any other college, having been sold ?

A. Well, I don't know—is a man obliged to answer to criminate anything ?

Q. You are obliged to answer all questions put to you.

A. Suppose I had sold diplomas ; would I be obliged to answer the question ?

Q. You can make the excuse for not answering on the ground that it would criminate yourself.

A. I decline to answer in those grounds.

By Mr. Strong.—Q. Do you know the whereabouts of this man Richards ?

A. He was to write to me ; he left me his address, either 17 or 47 High Holborne, London.

By Mr. Humphreys.—Q. What were the conditions on which you were to dispose of these diplomas?

A. He said he could get from fifty to one hundred guineas apiece for the A. B's. The M. D's. would not sell so well there on account of a law that had prohibited the registering of any foreign diplomas. That was his statement to me.

By Mr. Strong.—Q. Have you any knowledge of any diplomas or degrees having been sold by any medical institution in this city prior to the 19th of May, 1871?

A. I do not know whether I have before or since. I have no recollection.

By Mr. Strong.—Q. You are not able to state whether you have any recollection of any diplomas or degrees of any medical institution in Philadelphia having been sold prior to the 19th of May, 1871?

A. I have none.

By Mr. Strong.—Q. And you decline to answer that you have any knowledge of any being sold since, on the ground that the answer would criminate yourself under the law of 1871?

A. I decline to answer that question. I do not know that there has been any sold since then.

By the chairman.—Q. Are you connected with the college on Pine street?

A. I held the chair of physiology in the college.

By the chairman.—Q. Are you connected with it at the present time?

A. Yes, sir; I suppose I am. I do not know anything to the contrary although I have not been there. I tendered my resignation some time since, and whether it is accepted or not I do not know.

By Mr. Humphreys.—Q. Have you any acquaintances in Mahanoy City Schuylkill county?

A. I have some acquaintances there.

By Mr. Humphreys.—Q. Do you know a Dr. M'Donald there?

A. Yes, sir.

By Mr. Humphreys.—Q. Have you any knowledge that he has a diploma?

A. He showed me a diploma, I think from Glasgow University, Scotland.

By Mr. Humphreys.—Q. Have you any knowledge that he is connected in any way with the disposing of diplomas to parties up in that part of the State, for any fixed sum?

A. No, sir; I never knew of his disposing of any. I never inquired about the gentleman's business. He is a very quiet, peaceable old man—a man very much respected there among his people; a man that wields a good deal of influence among the Irish and Scotch, especially the Catholics.

By Mr. Weakley.—Q. Do you know Dr. Davies, up at Mahanoy City?

A. I do.

By Mr. Weakley.—Q. Do you know whether he holds a diploma or not?

A. I do not know.

Q. You do not know whether he holds a diploma from the Eclectic College?

A. I do not know; I cannot say, I told you.

By the Chairman.—Q. Do you know W. W. Brown, of Bellefonte?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you furnish him with a diploma from the University in Pine street?

A. The LL. D. degree was conferred upon him *pro honoris causa*, "for an honorable cause"—that is the way he received it. I conferred several degrees in that way upon different individuals.

Q. Did he pay anything for it?

A. No, sir; I never received a cent from one of them.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

John Buchanan was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your full name ?

A. John Buchanan.

Q. Your residence ?

A. Chew's Landing, New Jersey.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. Are you connected with any of the medical colleges in Philadelphia ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In what capacity ?

A. As a teacher.

Q. Which college is it ?

A. The Eclectic College, in Pine street.

Q. With any other ?

A. I have been connected, for four or five years, with another called the American University of Philadelphia.

Q. What branch do you pay particular attention to ?

A. Surgery.

Q. State the course of instruction that students are compelled to undergo before receiving a diploma ?

A. We require three years' study under a preceptor, or else eight or nine years' practice ; attendance upon two full courses of lectures, then a thesis and an examination by each of the professors.

Q. How many professors are there connected with that institution ?

A. There are seven legitimate professors.

Q. Do each of these professors give instructions regularly to the students ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. They each have their regular days for lecturing ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you in the habit of granting any diplomas from that college when the student has not undergone the full prescribed course ?

A. No meritorious diplomas.

Q. What do you mean by meritorious diplomas ?

A. There are three classes of diplomas in medical colleges. We have what we call an honorary diploma, an *addendum* diploma, and a degree of merit. The degree of merit is conferred only upon those who attend the prescribed course.

Q. Do either one of these first two classes of diplomas entitle the person receiving them to practice medicine ?

A. Not legally.

Q. Not legally ?

A. I think not ; the *addendum* is a degree conferred on the top of a degree, a mere honor conferred.

Q. Do students procuring that class, and——

A. (Interrupting) They are not conferred upon students. The regular degree of merit is conferred upon students.

Q. I am speaking now of diplomas you give to parties and send them out to practice ; do you grant any diplomas to such who have not undergone the instructions you have mentioned ?

A. They are the essentials for the degree of merit.

Q. To the best of your knowledge and belief have you, at any time, signed a diploma, or granted a diploma, other than you have stated here, to students that have not undergone a full course ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have any diplomas been granted that way, from that college, with your knowledge and consent?

A. No degrees of merit.

Q. I wish you would explain more fully what a degree of merit is?

A. A degree of merit is set forth in the diploma that the party has complied with the rules, that he has been under a preceptor, that he has attended two full courses of lectures, written a thesis and undergone an examination.

Q. I merely wish to ask you if it is your signature attached to Mr. Hall's diploma?

A. Yes, sir; it is.

Q. Have you any explanation to make about that diploma?

A. In 1868, when we were delivering lectures to college students at Tenth and Chestnut streets, Dr. Hall was recommended to the faculty for the honorary degree, and it was conferred upon him. There was no compensation pertaining to that degree that reached the institution.

Q. He paid sixty dollars for the diploma, did he not?

A. He says so; but none of that reached the institution.

Q. Where did it reach?

A. That I do not know.

Q. Then the benefit accruing from diplomas issued that way does not go to the institution?

A. Honorary degrees are usually conferred without any fee at all.

Q. Did you not lead him to believe that that diploma would allow him to practice anywhere?

A. No, sir; a mere honor.

Q. Did you not tell him that he could go out into the world and practice, and that he would be liable to get into trouble unless he had that diploma?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any instances where money has been paid for what you term honorary degrees?

A. No, sir; I do not remember of any instances.

Q. Do you know of any other college or school in Philadelphia that has issued diplomas to students, without requiring the prescribed qualifications?

A. They all do it.

Q. Give us the instances?

A. I had a copy of a letter to Dr. Davies, of Mahanoy City, from Professor Rand, of the Jefferson College, offering to sell him one for \$150.

Q. Did you see that letter?

A. I did not see the original, but I had a copy of it.

Q. Did the copy of that letter say that he would sell him one for \$150?

A. He raised the money, and then Dr. Rand claimed \$25 for his trouble, and he would not take it.

Q. Did he say in that letter whether he would be compelled to undergo an examination or not.

A. He said he would have to write a thesis.

Q. Did he say he would be required to undergo an examination?

A. No, sir.

Q. Are you sure of that?

A. The copy I got didn't say anything about the examination.

By Mr. Humphrey.—Q. Did the same gentleman apply to you for a diploma?

A. No, sir. Dr. M'Donald made an application for an *addendum* for him. He represented Dr. Davies as a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, of London. On the strength of that affidavit an *addendum* degree was conferred upon Dr. Davies some three or four years ago.

Q. Did Dr. Davies appear before you personally and undergo an examination?

A. No, sir; he presented a thesis, with affidavits and certificates, and the degree conferred was the *addendum* degree.

Q. Do you know what the charge was for that diploma?

A. He made a donation to the college of \$35, through Dr. M'Donald.

Q. Did Dr. Davies assign any reason why he had applied to the Eclectic College after he had made an application to the Jefferson College for a diploma?

A. We had no communication with Dr. Davies?

Q. You say that Dr. Davies did not appear before you personally and undergo an examination?

A. No, sir; he did not.

Q. Do you know Dr. M'Carthy, of Huntingdon county?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he obtain a diploma from that institution?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he undergo an examination before you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he attend any course of lectures in your institution?

A. He presented the tickets of two courses of lectures from some college, attended a few weeks and passed a very satisfactory examination.

Q. Did you have any knowledge, at the time a diploma was granted to M'Carthy, that he had failed to pass an examination in the Jefferson College?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you consider Dr. M'Carthy, after the examination he underwent before you, fully entitled and qualified to practice medicine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have no knowledge that the same gentlemen attended the University of New York afterwards?

A. No, sir.

By Mr. Strang.—Q. Will you, at your leisure, give us a little statement in writing, of the character of the degrees and the names you give them at your institution?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you any register of degrees conferred by your institution?

A. Yes, sir; we have the books which I will send up to you.

Q. Can you have it presented to the committee here?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I suppose it contains the amount of money received for the diplomas, does it not.

A. That is the cash-book—yes, sir.

Q. We would like to have them presented before the committee?

A. Yes, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

William Paine was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

By Mr. Strang.—Q. Please state your full name?

A. William Paine.

Q. Your residence?

A. Philadelphia.

Q. Your occupation?

A. The practice of medicine—a physician.

Q. State, if you please, with what medical college or school you are connected?

A. I am connected with the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery.

Q. In what capacity?

A. As a teacher of the principles of the practice of medicine and pathology.

Q. Have you any connection with any other medical school in this city?

A. Not any.

Q. Or any interest in the management of any other?

A. Not any, sir.

Q. State whether you have any knowledge that diplomas have been granted to any parties from that institution, without having undergone a course of lectures at it?

A. Yes, sir; I believe there have.

Q. Make any explanation you desire?

A. The honorary degree has been conferred in a few instances upon individuals engaged in the practice of medicine.

Q. Under what circumstances, as a rule, does your institution grant what you term honorary degrees?

A. The circumstances are that the person has been in the practice of medicine and surgery for a sufficient period of time to earn for himself an established and undoubted reputation as a competent physician and surgeon.

Q. It is only in those cases?

A. It is only in those cases.

Q. Do you require them to furnish that information?

A. Yes, sir; that information and undoubted evidence and affidavits in all cases; that is, so far as my college is concerned. I would state, however, in connection with that, that even those cases have been exceedingly rare.

Q. What are your requirements for the ordinary degree?

A. The requirements are three years study and two full courses of lectures, with a competent English education.

Q. In cases where you grant honorary degrees do you preserve the evidence of them among the records of the institution?

A. I believe so; at least it is the duty of the parties having that in charge to do so.

Q. The duty with which we are charged mainly here is to inquire whether, in any instances, diplomas which authorize the practice of medicine have been issued to any parties from that institution without having complied with the regular conditions, and without evidence having been given which entitles the parties to the honorary degree.

A. I understood, if you will allow me to explain, that one object of the inquiry is to know whether diplomas have been sold to unqualified persons. Well, I would state, in the first place, that all institutions with which I am acquainted, sell their diplomas. I graduated at a medical college, and bought my diploma. In all the announcements that I have ever seen they charge so much for lectures, and so much for the graduating fee, which I believe is, in Philadelphia, in all of the medical schools, \$30. In reply to the question whether there has been any such persons from the institution with which I am connected, I would say that so far as I know, no person has ever been granted the honorary or the regular degree that is not thoroughly competent to practice medicine and surgery.

Q. That is, however, not an answer to the exact question. The question is whether diplomas have been issued to parties who have not complied with the rules you state as a condition precedent—who have not, for instance, attended two courses of lectures.

A. So far as our knowledge goes they have not. Students in medical colleges come and take out their scholarships and tickets, and we take it for granted they attend the lectures. In our school, until within the last few years, we took it for granted that when students applied and took out their tickets, that they were in attendance. But from our knowledge of the matter, not only in connection with our school, but with other medical schools, we discovered that a large portion of the class did not attend regularly. I believe that all teachers, and those who are connected with medical colleges, consider as a rule that if there is an average attendance of two-thirds of those who have taken out tickets it is a very fair representation of the class. Until within a few years we have relied upon the usages of medical colleges for students to be in attendance. But from the fact that they were in the habit of absenting themselves to a certain extent, we have recently enforced other rules. We require the janitor, at least once a day, to report to the dean all absent students, so as to know who are in attendance, and if they have no reasonable excuse for being absent, they are not counted as attending a full course of lectures, that is, if they have been absent any length of time.

Q. Have there been any diplomas granted from your institution in cases where the parties receiving them have not attended lectures at all?

A. The regular degree, sir?

Q. Yes, sir.

A. No, sir. Not to my knowledge. I would state in regard to this matter that I have not been dean of the institution, at all times, ever since I have been connected with it, nor have I always had charge of the diplomas. But so far as my knowledge extends no such person has been granted a diploma.

Q. Have you any knowledge that diplomas have been granted where a student has not been in attendance at all at more than one course of lectures?

A. Yes, sir; I think there have been cases; but I do not remember any cases now. But I am aware that it is the custom of medical colleges that where a physician has been in practice for a considerable length of time.

Q. I am not referring to those cases at all; I am referring to the case of a mere student.

A. I do not know of any such cases.

Q. Have you any knowledge whether diplomas have been issued under such circumstances from any other medical institution in this city?

A. I have not, sir, of my own knowledge. I could occupy the attention of the committee probably a long time by giving rumors and reports, but of my own knowledge I do not know of any. I would state that the first knowledge I ever had of the sale of diplomas, or that there was any such business being transacted, I saw published in Dr. Butler's *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, that there was what was called a "Collegiate Agency" in this city. I called the attention of my colleagues to the fact that it looked very suspicious. I think that was about 1866 or 1867. In 1869 a gentleman called at my residence. He came back in the lane where I was engaged and told me that he had a little enterprise he thought there was money in. I inquired what it was, and after some preliminary conversation he said he had in his possession eighty blank diplomas on the University of Pennsylvania, and that he would like to dispose of them, or that he would dispose of them, and that there could be some money made out of it.

Q. Was this gentleman connected with that institution in any way?

A. He was not at the time. I inquired of him then how he came in possession of these blank diplomas, and my recollection is that he said his uncle was a professor in the institution, and that he got them through him.

Q. What is your custom in regard to granting diplomas in connection with the examination of students—are they examined by all the professors?

A. They are examined by all the professors unless it be, as is sometimes the case, one professor delegates another to examine for him. It is not uncommon for one professor to invite his colleague to examine classes for him, or even to deliver his lectures. That, I believe, is also a custom in all institutions.

Q. Are the diplomas in your institution issued by the authority of the professors alone, or the trustees?

A. They are issued by the authority of the trustees alone, recommended by the professors. The professors do not belong, as a rule, to the corporate body, and upon their recommendations the trustees grant the degrees or reject them as they may think proper.

Q. Do any of the professors in your institution occupy the position of trustees?

A. No one except myself.

Q. You hold both positions?

A. I am a member of the board of trustees, and also of the faculty.

Q. You say that you require a thesis, an examination, and an attendance upon two courses of lectures for the ordinary degree?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You adhere to that in all cases?

A. I say that is the rule; I do not know of any exceptions; there may be, I don't know.

Q. You state that one professor is sometimes delegated to examine for another; do they not examine for themselves unless they are sick or necessarily absent?

A. Those things are done sometimes by proxy. It is not common in our school, it is very uncommon, but I will say that it is a very common thing for one professor to examine in several branches.

Q. Even if the other professor be not sick, or necessarily absent?

A. It is presumed that a medical teacher is competent to examine a medical student in any department; but it is the rule for every professor to examine his own department. In regard to certain statements I saw reported as having been made before the committee I would like to make a correction or two. I saw it reported that in the first sitting, I think of this committee at this house, some gentlemen connected with the Pennsylvania University made complaint that students were deceived in purchasing scholarships and tickets from the Philadelphia University, supposing it to be the Pennsylvania University. I would state—

Mr. Strong. It is perhaps just to the professors of that institution to say that no complaint was made in that exact form. The statement was made that persons frequently presented themselves with scholarships that entitled them to admission to the other institution, asserting that when they bought the scholarships they supposed they entitled them to admission to the University of Pennsylvania.

Witness continued: We have instances of students, who state that by mistake, they have entered that institution, and were there informed that it was the Philadelphia University, and that there was no other university here. In one or two instances they have discovered the mistake after attending several lectures, and their scholarships were taken up and refused to be returned. I think there has been quite as much complaint on the part of medical students of the fraud practiced upon them by those asso-

ciated with the Pennsylvania University as there could possibly be by those of the Philadelphia University, who might have made a mistake, although I have never known of a case.

Q. Has your institution been in the habit of conferring other degrees than that of doctor of medicine?

A. No, sir; not as a rule, and for the best reason in the world. Some years ago, John J. Lowry, who was a member of the board of trustees, suggested that we confer upon some distinguished gentleman in Philadelphia the degree of Doctor of Laws. After an examination Mr. Lowry stated that all the prominent lawyers and all the judges had been graduated either by the Pennsylvania University or the Jefferson Medical College. He suggested Judge Pierce as a worthy individual for receiving the degree of LL. D., and he was quite confident he never had the honor; but upon an interview with Judge Pierce, he was told that he had but a short time previously received the honor of LL. D. from the Jefferson Medical College.

Q. Then your institution has never granted them?

A. We have in one or two instances, but not many, for they were all covered.

Q. Were they ever granted in Europe?

A. Not in Europe to my knowledge. The Hon. Judge Luttie, of Ohio, received the degree of LL. D. But there are not more than two or three, to the best of my knowledge who have received any honorary degrees from the institution.

Q. Were they required to pay anything for these degrees?

A. No, sir; not to my knowledge.

Another mistake I would like to correct in regard to myself personally. I see it reported that some gentlemen in Harrisburg stated that he had applied to me for a degree to be conferred upon some one. He said he applied to Paine, and as I am the only one of that name, connected with a medical college in this city, I presume he referred to me. I will state that no such person ever applied to me, and I will state further that if he had, he would never have received any such answers as he stated, for the answers have always been to the reverse. I would also like to present to the committee, what we are annoyed with constantly, letters from Europe inquiring of us whether we have agents there for the sale of diplomas. We have a large number of such letters, and are constantly receiving a large number. As the clerk of the board who is summoned here will testify he is authorized, without submitting the letters, to make one answer, that we never had any agency, or authorized any one to act as agent in selling diplomas, or grant degrees, or to traffic in any way with medical honors, or any honors connected with the institution. I have a variety of statements connected with the sale of diplomas, &c., that I would like to submit.

[The following were handed the committee by witness:]

ROSCOMMON, IRELAND, *January 13, 1872.*

DEAR SIR:—May I ask you confidentially, has Dr. C. J. Sayer, 53 Claverton street, Belgravia, London, authority from the University of Philadelphia to procure degrees from that institution for suitable candidates?

I ask this as I have procured from him the degree of LL. D., purporting to come from the University of Philadelphia, and should like to know whether you recognize such a person or not. Please reply and I shall forward postage.

Yours very faithfully,

THOS. R. RICE,

Clerk Classical Honorman, &c., T. C. D.

THE SECRETARY of the University, Philadelphia.

Copies of the Philadelphia *University Journal of Medicine and Surgery* W. Paine, M. D., editor, were also presented, containing the following articles :

[From November No., 1869.]

MEDICAL COLLEGES.

Some of the would-be regular medical colleges of the city are giving complimentary tickets to students, who had started to attend the Philadelphia University. One of these students, after attending for a short time, came and took out his full tickets at the Philadelphia University, and presented his complimentary ticket, stating that it was very true, "that which costs nothing was worth nothing." We are informed that other students are taken at any price they will pay. How is it these schools advertise their fees to be \$140, and cry *mad dog* and illegitimacy because the Philadelphia University has sold scholarships for \$75.

[From January No., 1870.]

SELLING DIPLOMAS.

A libel, published in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, on the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, and which the editors retracted in part, when the strong arm of the law was placed before their obtuse intellects, has developed a fact to which we called the attention of the profession a long time ago, *i. e.*, that one or more of the medical schools are selling diplomas. When I saw in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, a few years since, the advertisement of a certain professor LL. D., etc., that he was acting as a general collegiate agent, and especially invited all students to call on him, I suspected something wrong ; but it was not until one of the students of the Philadelphia University bought a bogus diploma and represented himself as a graduate of the Philadelphia University, that the faculty deemed it proper to investigate the matter. This subject was fully noticed in the journal at the time. During the past summer another case occurred which is stranger still. A young man from Massachusetts entered the Philadelphia University and remained one term. After returning home he wrote to inquire whether he could not receive his diploma. Upon being informed that he could only obtain it when he had finished his medical studies, he sent to the city and bought one for fifty dollars ; at least it is so stated by two students now in attendance, from the same town. As I am informed that this very man who advertised in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter* is one of the parties engaged in this business, will brothers Butler and Brinton explain to their readers how the thing is done? Cannot they make the *Reporter* pay, or what? We cannot believe that Dr. Brinton would add the bogus diploma business to Dr. Butler's real estate operations. A stop should be put to this traffic in medical deceptions, and it could be done effectually by establishing a central medical board, where all medical students should be required to present their diplomas and pass a rigid examination in all branches of medicine and surgery before they are allowed to practice their profession. Make the standard high, and let all the pathies in the practice of medicine be represented, the same as in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada, and this traffic in diplomas will cease, as it would be of value to the student only as it indicated his medical acquirements. We presented this whole subject before the board of education of this State during the session of Legislature two years ago, but the University of Pennsylvania and others refused to co-operate with us, and the subject was abandoned for the time, but we do in-

tend to renew our efforts during the present session, and by some means, if possible, end this disgraceful diploma trade.

[From the February No., 1870.]

From the *Chicago Medical and Surgical Examiner* of February we copy the following editorial and correspondence, referring to the bogus diploma business, which goes to support our statement relative to the collegiate agency that we saw published in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, and fully agree with Dr. Davies that such swindling should be stopped.

BOGUS DIPLOMAS.—In the January number of the *Examiner* we published a notice of a collegiate agency, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which proposed to furnish diplomas from medical colleges and other educational institutions, to such as needed them, simply as a matter of merchandise.

Yesterday we received from another correspondent a card of a similar character, headed "Collegiate Agency," and signed Dr. A. J. Hale, 214 Jacoby street, Philadelphia. Accompanying the card are three letters written by Dr. Hale to one of his correspondents.

In the first, he offers to furnish the diploma conferring the degree of M. D., for \$80, and A. M., for \$50. In the second letter he puts down the price of the medical degree to \$50, and urges his supposed applicant to send in his full name to be entered in the diploma at once.

The third letter runs as follows :

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 23, 1869.

Dr. ———.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 19th inst. to hand. Did not think it necessary to specify all the institutions conferring degrees. If you wish to apply to an Allopathic, I refer you to the dean of one institution, American University of Philadelphia, Prof. John Buchanan, Dean, 225 North Twelfth street. If you wish to apply to an Eclectic school—Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania, Prof. Jos. Sites, Dean, 514 Pine street, Philadelphia. Both schools regularly organized and chartered by the State Legislature, and honorable institutions. I refer you to the above named gentlemen for any further information in regard to the schools.

Very respectfully,

A. J. HALE, M. D.,
214 Jacoby street, Philadelphia.

We think it quite evident that a systematic business of swindling, in the way of selling diplomas, has been carried on for some time in this country, with headquarters at Philadelphia. The Milwaukee concern is probably only a branch. Is it not time that efficient steps were taken to put an end to this system of swindling? The American University is a darkey concern, located—nowhere—*Ed.*

[From the March No., 1870.]

A NEW MEDICAL LAW, AND BOGUS DIPLOMAS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

A new law is about to be passed requiring all who practice medicine and surgery to hang their diplomas in their offices and to obtain a certificate of the judge of the court of common pleas that they are not bogus. What will become of those fellows who bought the Negro diplomas of the Bogus American University and Eclectic College of Pennsylvania? They have no existence only as conducted by a man who advertises under the name of Madame—Somebody, and sells bogus diplomas out of one end of a dwel

ing-house, and from an Allopathic school, the American University of Philadelphia, and the other end as an Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania, for any price he can get—from fifty dollars down; and it is disgraceful to say that several young *mullet* heads who came to this city to attend lectures bought these bogus things and have gone home to kill their victims. We appeal to all honorable members of the profession to assist us in exposing these most of all contemptible imposters by sending us the name of any one they know who has bought these things, and we will publish them. We now have a number and will show them up as fast as we get them. We publish in this number the sworn statement of two young men, and might give others; but it is notorious that they not only sell these things, but several of our students have brought them to us in blank, stating that they are offered to them for what they will give, and are told that they try to pass them off as from the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, and that some have thus succeeded.

[From the September No., 1870.]

SHARP PRACTICE.

One of the professors of the Homœopathic College of this city informs us that he has a method of getting all the puffing and advertising of their institution done in scores of newspapers without charge. He states the following to be his plan: He writes a big puff and gets it published in the *New York Tribune* as an editorial; he then has from four to five thousand slips printed, attributing it to the *New York Tribune*, sends one to each Homœopathic physician in the United States and Canadas, with a request that they insert them in the principal papers as a matter of general information and in each instance credit to the *New York Tribune*. In this way he states he has obtained many thousand dollars worth of advertising, and expects to receive high pecuniary profits by way of students. What say our newspaper publishers to this free method of advertising?

Another dodge, not much less artful, is that of the combination of the Jefferson Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania, to induce J. B. Lippincott & Co., a wealthy publishing house, to publish a medical journal for the sake of giving them notoriety. These institutions have at various times started journals upon their own responsibility as an advertising medium to their schools, but in every instance lack of talent, energy and pecuniary means have brought their enterprise to abrupt terminations and their dilapidated schools to the verge of dissolution. Being exasperated by their desperate condition, and the great success of their rival school, the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, (which by the way not only supports its own periodicals but expends fifteen to twenty thousand dollars a year in advertising,) they have inveigled Lippincott & Co., to publish a pamphlet, entitled the *Medical Times*, and to give it extensive circulation. To disguise their real purpose, they have added a long list of correspondents, many of whom never write for any journal, while others know nothing of the purposes of these artful tricksters; wisely they conceal the names of the real editors, for if it were known that the paper was edited by the ignorant, bigoted sectarian quacks that engineer it behind the curtain, it would never receive the casual countenance of the profession. It will unquestionably be of short duration, however, as the sagacious publisher, after he has spent a few thousand dollars for the benefit of these dilapidated schools, will discover the trick, and, we apprehend, allow them to advertise at their own expense.

Q. Will you furnish us with your register to let us examine it?

A. Yes, sir; you can do that.

I would like to call the attention of the committee to another fact, and a custom which we deprecate very much in the admission of students to medical colleges. It is this, that certain medical colleges require students to pay for two courses of lectures and to only attend one. Dr. Hollembaek, who is here, when he presented himself as a candidate for graduation at the Jefferson College was told that he must take two full courses of tickets, if what he tells is true. I merely call the attention of the committee to this fact. They required him to pay for two full courses, and to attend only one, and pay for his degree. There is another gentleman by the name of Dr. Mathews, and the same thing was done by him at the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. You got your information from him?

A. Yes, sir; and I know that when he attended there he was practicing in Vineland, and came to the city only occasionally. He was compelled to pay for two full courses of lectures, and only attended one winter, and then came from Vineland to attend, and attended to his practice at the same time, and graduated there. I know another gentleman who graduated there, and they required that he should attend two full courses of lectures. He was here two winters, but to my knowledge he was sick a greater portion of the time.

Q. Is there a gentleman by the name of Fairbanks connected with your institution?

A. No, sir.

Q. And never was?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know any gentleman of that name?

A. I knew a gentleman of that name who owned a college here, but he was not connected in any way with the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery. He was one of a committee connected with a hospital enterprise, but not connected, to my knowledge, with the Philadelphia University.

Q. Are you acquainted with a man by the name of Terry?

A. I know a gentleman by that name.

Q. He was never connected with your institution?

A. Never in any way, if it is the Dr. Terry I knew something about.

Q. You never had any conversation with him about the sale of diplomas?

A. Not to my knowledge. I know I never had in regard to the sale of diplomas.

Q. You never heard him say that diplomas were for sale?

A. No, sir.

Q. Nor that they could be obtained for a small consideration from any of the colleges in the city of Philadelphia?

A. I do not know that I did. This Mr. Terry is a gentleman with whom I never had anything to say or do. He was about the college in connection with our surgeon, who had him attend to considerable surgical practice for him. He done several operations for this Dr. Terry.

Q. Who is your professor of surgery?

A. Prof. Washington J. Duffey.

Q. Have you learned of these or of any other parties frequently selling diplomas—as coming from your school?

A. We have heard all sorts of rumors, but I have never known of any such cases.

Q. Is there a gentleman by the name of Gondle, who graduated from your institution.

A. Not that I know of.

Q. You never saw him and this Terry together.

A. Not to my knowledge ; I do not know the gentleman ; I do not know who he is.

Q. You state positively that you had no conversation with this gentleman by the name of Terry, in regard to the sale of diplomas.

A. No, sir ; he is a graduate of our school, and after he graduated he went into a business we did not consider exactly professional, and I never had any conversation with him afterwards except once. He came there and represented that he had either been burned out or had had his diploma stolen. I merely brought the matter before the board, and there was a good deal of doubt about his statement, but after some preliminary arrangements, it was considered advisable to grant him a duplicate diploma. The duplicate was made out to him, and it stated upon it that it was a duplicate. I never had any conversation with him after that, to the best of my knowledge. I have seen him going in and out of the college, and as Prof. Duffey very well knows, I requested him repeatedly not to allow him to come into the institution.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Howard B. Hanmore was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your full name ?

A. Howard B. Hanmore.

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. Collonade hotel.

Q. What is your business ?

A. Correspondent of the *New York Herald*.

Q. Please state anything you know in reference to this matter under investigation ?

A. I was subpoenaed here without any knowledge of what I was expected to prove. I visited the Eclectic College in Pine street, some time ago, on account of some statements I saw in a New York paper, with the object of ascertaining if those statements were true. I visited it, I think, sometime in November. I told them what I came for. They treated me very kindly, and said they would give me what information was in their power, and conducted me through the college, and I returned to the hotel. That evening I received a note asking me to come down and attend a clinic at the Eclectic Medical College in the morning. I went down and met Dr. Bissell. I asked him what he wanted, and he said Dr. Buchanan was not present, and he would like to have me see him. He asked me to go into the lectures, and I declined. I asked the nature of his business with me. After some preliminary conversation he hinted that whatever I would write in behalf of the college he would pay for. I told him that he had misunderstood me, and I went away. After thinking of the conversation, I concluded that I might get some additional points out of him by assuming to coincide with his views. I went back in about two hours, and met Dr. Buchanan on that occasion. I asked for Dr. Bissell, and was told that he was not in. I stated to Dr. Buchanan what Bissell had said to me, and I hinted that for a consideration I might possibly write something to their advantage. Buchanan, I thought wary, but by degrees he promised to pay for whatever was written in their behalf after the article appeared. I told him I thought he had better give me something before it appeared, as an evidence of good faith. I think that we talked for a quarter of an hour after that. I finally arose as if I was going to walk over towards a piano standing there, to look at some music, and I heard a desk drawer open, and Buchanan came up to

me with two five dollar bills rolled up in his hand, and said, take this, I would give you more if I had charge of the purse strings. I said all right, doctor, this goes no further. I finished my article, and sent it with the money to the *Herald* office. The *Herald* sent the money to the Sisters of Charity of New York.

Q. Is that all you know upon that subject?

A. That is all I know sir.

Q. Do you know anything of the selling of diplomas by this or any other institution?

A. Not of my own knowledge sir. We had some conversation, I think, the first time I visited the college about that.

Q. Some conversation with whom?

A. I think Dr. Hylton, Buchanan and Bissell were present. I called to see Dr. Hylton the first day, because I had seen his name mentioned prominently in the connection of the expose in another New York paper, as I have spoken of.

Q. Were there any admissions made on that subject?

A. None at all.

Q. Do you know of any parties in possession of diplomas issued from that institution?

A. I do not.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Joseph R. Reed was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. Joseph R. Reed.

Q. Your residence?

A. American hotel.

Q. What is your business?

A. Reporter.

Q. State what knowledge you have in relation to the question of diplomas being sold or offered for sale, by any of these institutions.

A. Some time in February, 1871, I was directed by the management of the *Press* (I was connected with the *Press* at that time) to endeavor to sift out this matter of selling diplomas, by the Eclectic Medical College. I visited the college building on Pine street, above Fifth, one afternoon about three o'clock, and saw Dr. Buchanan. I had prepared a letter addressed to myself, purporting to be from a fictitious person by the name of Orris B. Brown, of Chicago, Ill., which after relating several imaginary occurrences that happened to us in years gone by, said that he had served in the southern army during the war and had acted as hospital steward. He had finally settled in Chicago, where he had purchased a drug store and found it would be profitable to combine the practice of medicine with the selling of drugs. Having been told there was an institution in which diplomas were sold, he wished I would ascertain if such was the case. I read the letter to Dr. Buchanan, and told him that I had very little acquaintance with this man, and that he had better correspond with him, himself, and he agreed to do so. He gave me a copy of the *Eclectic Medical Journal*, and also a copy of a pamphlet containing a number of matters connected with the university, and I went away. In about a week, or perhaps two weeks, I went again to the college. I saw Dr. Buchanan, and asked him whether he had written to Mr. Brown. He said he had, but had received no reply. He then said that I had better write to him. I told him that if I wrote, I would like to know definitely what he would want for the degree of doctor of medicine. He said that it was customary for them

to send the diploma, and the gentlemen receiving it to return whatsoever sum he saw fit. I told him that I thought he had better be more definite. There is a room in the rear of the office and he went and closed the door; he then walked over to me very confidentially and said you can write to Mr. Brown that if he will enclose us \$25 we will send him the degree of M. D.

Q. You know nothing further on that subject?

A. Nothing further.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

H. W. Lobb was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. H. W. Lobb.

Q. Your residence?

A. 1632 South-Second street, my place of business.

Q. What is your business?

A. Drug business.

Q. State what you know in relation to the sale of diplomas by any medical institution in this city?

A. Well, sir, I know nothing of the sale of diplomas from the institutions. The way I have the title is from a man by the name of Terry. But I never used that diploma, and never represented myself as a physician.

Q. When did you receive this diploma?

A. I cannot say exactly, I think about two years ago.

Q. Have you it with you?

A. No, sir; I have not.

Q. From what institution does it purport to be issued?

A. From the Pine Street institution.

Q. How came you to get it?

A. He was slightly indebted to me. He brought it to me and said if I would give him something more I should have it.

Q. What did it cost you altogether?

A. Fifteen dollars.

Q. Have you got it in your possession at home?

A. Yes, sir; but I have never used it. I have been in the drug business twelve years.

Q. Do you recollect by whom it was signed?

A. Here is a memorandum of the names.

[Paper handed committee by witness.]

The diploma was dated back. I know not where it came from or anything of the kind.

Q. Will you send the diploma to the committee and let them examine it?

A. Yes, sir, certainly, if it is necessary to do so.

Q. Do you know where Mr. Terry lives now?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know whether he is in the city?

A. I do not.

Q. Did you ascertain from him how he obtained this diploma?

A. I did not.

Q. Were you ever a student of medicine?

A. I have been attending lectures in and out.

Q. You never took out tickets?

A. I never took out regular tickets.

Q. You have never been a student of medicine under a regular physician?

A. No, sir ; although I have been studying around the store for twelve years.

Q. Is Mr. Terry connected in any way with this school ?

A. I know nothing of Mr. Terry, nor of the college. He first got five dollars of me, and afterwards when the diploma came, I gave him ten dollars more.

Q. You know Dr. Bissell do you ?

A. I know him by sight.

Q. Have you ever had any conversation with him in reference to diplomas ?

A. No, sir ; I know nothing about college affairs or anything of the kind. All is, that the diploma was brought into the store, and I did as I have stated.

Q. You do not know whether the signatures to that diploma are genuine or not ?

A. I do not, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Samuel Rogers was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name ?

A. Samuel Rogers.

Q. Your residence ?

A. I live at 23 Callowhill street.

Q. Your business ?

A. Physician.

Q. State what you know, if any thing, about diplomas having been issued by any medical school in Philadelphia, without the persons receiving them having attended lectures ?

A. I do not know of any.

Q. Of what institution are you a graduate ?

A. The Philadelphia University.

Q. When did you graduate ?

A. In 1866.

Q. What courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. Well, I attended a number of them, for a couple of years.

Q. Did you attend two full courses ?

A. Not every lecture, of course, but off and on.

Q. Did you take out tickets for two full courses ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are positive about that, that you took out tickets for two full courses of lectures, and paid for them before you received your diploma ?

A. Well, I could not say for certain whether I paid for two or not ; but I went there two different years. I bought a scholarship in the first place.

Q. Where did you buy this scholarship, at the institution ?

A. I believe I did, or from Prof. Paine ; I am not sure whether it was delivered at the college or not.

Q. Do you recollect what your scholarship cost you ?

A. Seventy-five dollars.

Q. What, did that cover two terms ?

A. Yes, sir ; the man that does that has a right to go to that college so long as he pleases, according to the rules, as I understand.]

Q. How long, before you received your diploma, did you attend lectures regularly, at any one time, at this institution ?

A. As to that I cannot say.

Q. About how long ?

A. Well, I do not know exactly ; I do not remember all the weeks I was there.

Q. You can tell whether you attended a month or two months. Did you attend half a course ?

A. I cannot exactly say ; I was away in the country some of the time travelling ; in the fall I was here attending lectures. I think it was in December I got my scholarship. If my memory serves me right I had tickets before I got the scholarship.

Q. Did you write a medical thesis ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were you examined by all the professors ?

A. Not by all separately. They examined in class.

Q. I would like your best recollection as to the longest time you regularly attended lectures there at any one time before you received your diploma ?

A. Well, I do not know.

Q. Can you say that you attended lectures regularly for a month ?

A. Every day ?

Q. Yes, sir.

A. No, I did not.

Q. Can you say you attended regularly for a week ?

A. I might have missed some days.

Q. You wrote no thesis ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You had no regular examination ?

A. Not by each professor separately.

Q. Who did examine you ?

A. Well, Prof. Paine more than any one else.

Q. Did you have any examination except the daily question you referred to ?

A. Only in the classes.

Q. You received a diploma without attending regularly a week, so far as you recollect, without having any thesis, and without having passed any examination, except the usual class examination—that is about it ?

A. Well, I may have attended a week there. I may have missed some lectures. I was practicing some a long time before I got my degree conferred upon me.

Q. Do you recollect having a conversation with a Dr. Botes on the subject of procuring diplomas ? Do you know him ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you recollect a conversation with him on the subject ?

A. Well, nothing further than when casually passing in and out of the store.

Q. Did you state to him substantially that it was not necessary for him to attend lectures, for he could buy a diploma, as you did, without wasting his time in attending lectures ?

A. No, sir. I never said anything of the kind, to the best of my knowledge, to him, nor to any one else.

Q. Were you a student of medicine under any respectable physician before you attended that school ?

A. Not constantly ; Dr. Bloom was a friend of mine.

Q. Had you read medicine regularly ?

A. I have read more or less since I was fifteen years of age, and I practiced quite a long time before I graduated.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Cornelius S. Bates was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name in full ?

A. Cornelius S. Bates.

Q. Your residence ?

A. 1230 North Front street, this city.

Q. What is your business ?

A. Doctor.

Q. State what, if any thing, you know in relation to the selling of medical diplomas in this city ?

A. I do not know of any medical institution, but I do know that Dr. Hylton here, professed to sell diplomas from any institution, and he said a man was a d—f—l to study for one. He further said that he could bust up any d—d school in the town, if he wished to expose them. Last Saturday, through statements of outside parties, the University of Pennsylvania, through Prof. Rogers—they call him—said if I would give up the diploma I have got, they will exempt me from matriculating and will swop with me.

Q. Was that offer by Dr. Rogers ?

A. No, sir ; not by him, but by outside parties. I told them that I would not give them two cents for a bushel of them.

Q. Who made that proposition ?

A. Well, first, Dr. Hylton called at my house for me, and I was down at the college. He left me to call on his brother, in Tenth street, and see him the next day. He was not there, but they made this statement to me, as near as they could, that this was what the doctor said should be told me.

Q. Who is the other party ?

A. The doctor's brother, sitting here.

Q. Did Dr. Hylton have any connection with the University of Pennsylvania ?

A. He tells me that he is a graduate there.

Q. Had he any connection with it in any way ?

A. I do not know that.

Q. What school was he connected with—with the Philadelphia University ?

A. I believe he was, so he says.

Q. Did you have any conversation with Dr. Rogers on the subject of procuring diplomas ?

A. I did ; I said doctor here is a pretty kettle of fish. The papers say you bought your diploma for \$60. He said it is a lie ; I never bought it for \$60.

Q. Are you connected with any of these institutions ?

A. I am studying at the Pine Street institution ; this is my fourth course

Q. You have not yet received a diploma ?

A. I have.

Q. When did you receive that diploma ?

A. I received my diploma after six months study in the institution.

Q. Do you recollect the date of it ?

A. It is dated August, 1871.

Q. You had studied six months before receiving it ?

A. I had studied longer than that. Dr. Sites has been my instructor for ten years.

Q. Do you know of any instances in which any diploma has been issued by any medical college without the party receiving it having attended lectures ?

A. No, sir ; I wish to say that I am not always attending lectures at the college. I go on Saturdays and Wednesdays out to the alms house, and a

part of the time I used to go to the Pennsylvania hospital. From there I go to the Pennsylvania University part of the time, at the Jefferson College some times, so that I may know and judge for myself which is the best among them.

Q. Have you seholarships in all of them ?

A. No, sir ; the only place I give any money is at the Pine Street institution, and I would not give two cents for the balancee of them.

Q. You think that the only institution worthy of patronizing ?

A. They learn me, in my judgment, in three months more than the others can in three years ; that is my experience in going among the other institutions. They get it in simple language, and you can understand it. Then I am registered regularly before the board of health, and since then, I suppose I have attended at least fifteen hundred people. Since this small pox here they have not had a death warrant from me yet, because cold water and sweet spirits of nitre puts them in the grave, and I know it. I go all around ; and a man that pretends to doctoe should go all around. I am a man with a mind of my own, and I think I should do as I please with my patients.

[Testimony of witness elosed.]

Dr. Washington J. Duffley was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Please make any statement you wish in regard to the improper sale of diplomas ?

A. I am a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College. The most of the time I spent in the Old University attending the lectures of those able men. I have been public dissector of the city of Philadelphia, under various coroners, for years. I have also been first, second and third degree surgeon in the army of the United States. I now hold the chair of surgery in the Philadelphia University. Prior to accepting that chair, I called upon my friend Dr. Reese, of the University of Pennsylvania, to consult him. Last summer our house was robbed. I afterwards visited the man who robbed the house, who was in prison. In conversation with this man, he told me he was a thief by nature and a convict. He asked me if I was aware he had stolen my diploma. He said that his name was O'Brien, *alias* Doctor Spivens, that he was engaged in the sale of diplomas. Subsequently he returned my diploma to me, that, at the corner of Sixteenth and Federal streets, by means of oxalic acid and chloride of lime, they had erased the name. You will find that they have used a hot iron on it, which has unwrinkled it. (Witness produced diploma, with name erased.) You can observe this by holding it up to the light. After I received this diploma back I called upon my esteemed friend, Professor Leidy, of the university, and showed it to him, and told him what this man had told me. We have been exceedingly desirous that this matter should be thoroughly investigated. I have seen Dr. Rogers, and he said whatever he could do, or whatever information he could furnish he would cheerfully give. It is a matter that should be probed to the bottom.

Q. State, if you please, whether you have any knowledge of any diplomas being issued, by any of the medical institutions in this city, to parties who have not undergone the requisite course of study ?

A. None, whatever.

Q. Have you a knowledge of any of the workings of your institution except those pertaining to your own duties ?

A. None, sir ; I merely go into the lecture room and deliver my lectures

Q. You confine yourself entirely to the duties of the chair ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You attach your signature to the diplomas ?

A. Yes, sir ; after the examination of the candidates. They are recommended to the board of trustees after the examination.

Q. You do not attach your signature until you are satisfied of the competency of the candidates ?

A. No, sir ; I take down the names of those that appear before me.

Q. What are the requirements for graduation in your school ?

A. To be thoroughly versed in the various departments of anatomy, surgery, theory and practice of medicine, &c.

Q. You require them to attend two full courses of lectures, do you not ?

A. I have no way of knowing ?

Q. You only judge of their competency when they come before you ?

A. I know nothing in regard to the institution whatever, but believe that everything is legitimate, so far as my own knowledge is concerned.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

J. S. Fisher was duly affirmed, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name ?

A. J. S. Fisher.

Q. Your residence ?

A. 752 South-Tenth street

Q. Your business ?

A. Merchant.

Q. Are you connected with the Philadelphia University in any way ?

A. Yes, sir ; I am president of the board of trustees, and have been ever since the first organization, for twenty years. I was one of the charter members of the institution.

Q. Do you pay special attention to the operations of the institution yourself ?

A. Only to the business of the board. I occasionally call in there and attend lectures, clinics, &c.

Q. What control, under your regulations, have the trustees over the issuing of diplomas ?

A. The faculty send us in, at specified times, a list of the students whom they recommend for graduation. This list is signed by all the faculty, and the names, of course, are passed upon, and the degree is voted in the board. The graduation takes place afterwards.

Q. Have you any knowledge of diplomas having been issued by that institution without these formalities having been gone through with ?

A. Not the slightest.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the irregular issuing of diplomas by any other institution in this city ?

A. No, sir ; not from my own knowledge. I would state that I have always made it a practice, since I have been the president of the board of trustees, before signing diplomas, to see that they were properly filled up by the faculty, which was a guarantee to me that the transaction was a correct one.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Ralph M. Townsend was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Are you connected with any medical institution in this city ?

A. In a subordinate way with the Jefferson Medical College.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any diplomas irregularly issued by any medical institution in this city ?

A. No, sir. I have not.

Q. Have you any knowledge upon that subject?

A. No, sir.

Q. Is there anything in relation to this subject you wish to say?

A. Nothing at all, sir, only I have been subpoenaed here by this committee. I had charge of some correspondence which passed through the hands of some gentlemen of the press, and also of some correspondence of the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, and saw various letters from persons abroad, saying that they would sell diplomas from the Ninth Street College and the Pine Street College, but where these letters came from or originated I do not know.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Charles Gauntt was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Please state to the committee anything you know in reference to the subject under investigation?

A. In duty to myself I think it is necessary to refer to my antecedents, as the question of the sale of diplomas reflects not only upon the college with which I am connected but upon myself. I live at 131 Green street, and am a son of the late Commodore Gauntt of the United States navy. In the year of 1841, I graduated at the University of Pennsylvania. Shortly after graduating I visited Europe, and attended the lectures of Prof. Faraday of the Royal Institution—returning, I delivered a number of lectures on chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, and also at the Franklin Institute and the Medical Institute. I have also filled a professorship in the Burlington College, also one in the Vermont University, for which I am particularly thankful for the kind offices of Prof. Roberts. I am now connected with Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, as the lecturer on chemistry, and with some other institutions in this city. I have made that subject a special study.

Q. Have you any special knowledge of the management of this institution beyond your duties as a professor?

A. I have to a certain extent. At our faculty meetings we thoroughly canvass whether the candidates are suitable for graduation or not. With regard to honorary degrees, I will make this statement: I will say that conscientiously I have been very particular, and the faculty are very particular, to investigate any claims which the parties may have for honorary degrees. With regard to examinations, I will make a statement. Some three or four years ago it was the practice to examine the candidates in classes of three or four, devoting several minutes to each one, often half an hour. It has been my practice to devote from fifteen minutes to half an hour to the examination of candidates even when assembled in classes. Now the practice has been changed and we examine them in private, and we only examine them until after they have presented a mandamus or permit. I am particular in regard to signing diplomas. My rule is to have a list of all the candidates who have passed a successful examination and compare that with the diplomas. I have, on several occasions, hesitated to sign a diploma, because I did not understand the matter thoroughly.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any diplomas having been issued, by the institution with which you are connected, to students who have not attended regular lectures?

A. Only with regard to honorary degrees. Those are the only cases that I know of from actual experience. There may be diplomas about with other names in them, for it is very easy, by the use of chemicals, to erase one name and insert another. I believe that is often done.

Q. How do you account for a person holding a diploma who has not ever attended lectures regularly for a week in that institution, and who received no examination except at the hands of one professor? How could that occur?

A. I am not aware of any such case having occurred.

Q. Would the granting of a diploma, under the circumstances detailed by Dr. Rogers here, be in accordance with the regular practice of your institution?

A. It has been done where it is shown that the candidate has been studying medicine for five years, and then attended one course of lectures; it is then presumed that he has sufficient knowledge to practice physic if he acquits himself honorably at the examination.

Q. You heard his statement that he had not been reading medicine regularly with any preceptor?

A. I understood him to say that he had been studying medicine from childhood. When I graduated I previously gave a certain individual two hundred and fifty dollars to read in his office. It amounted to my buying my own books and skeletons, and once a week having a stupid examination. He never took me to visit a patient. I think that is one of the shams of the age.

Q. Is not it a requirement of your institution?

A. It is not always insisted upon.

Q. Would it be consistent with the requirements of your institution without having been reading under a preceptor, without having attended lectures at your institution for more than a week regularly, and without any examination, except that had while in class and by one professor, to grant a person a diploma that would allow him to practice physic?

A. That course I would object to. I should object to that positively; that is to granting one that would allow him to practice physic, and not an honorary degree.

Q. Did you say that you were a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are your examinations as thorough as in their institution?

A. I will make a statement in all due respect to those who signed my diploma. My examination with each professor amounted to five minutes by the watch, and on the subject of chemistry, as I was not examined at all, I acknowledge the compliment. At that time Professor Hare was ill, and the duty devolved upon Professor Wood, but as complimentary to me, he did not ask me a single question upon the subject.

Q. If a man were thoroughly qualified for examination, could they not determine very well in five minutes whether he should have a diploma or not?

A. Yes I suppose they might determine in a very few moments. Sometimes, however, men are slow to speak, and you must pump them.

Q. If a man is clear in his answers could you not determine that in the length of time occupied in your own examination?

A. I think I could.

Q. You are satisfied you attached your signature to no diploma without the party to whom it is granted having undergone an examination?

A. Yes, sir, except in honorary degrees.

Q. Do you examine different graduates personally or collectively?

A. I now examine them personally, each one privately.

Q. How long have you been connected with that college?

A. About eleven years.

Q. Has that always been your custom?

A. No, sir; I said that until some four or five years ago, it was the plan to examine in classes—four or five in a class. Our plan was to devote an hour or hour and a half to each particular class.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Joseph Sites was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your residence?

A. 892 North Sixth street.

Q. Your profession?

A. Practice of medicine.

Q. State how you are connected with the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery.

A. I am not connected with at all, sir.

Q. What is the institution you are connected with?

A. The Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Q. State how you are connected with that institution.

A. I have been a teacher in that institution for the last twenty-one years—from the time it was organized to the present time, and for the last fifteen years I have been dean of the faculty.

Q. State whether you have any knowledge of diplomas having been irregularly issued from that or any other institution in this city.

A. The first intimation I had of that kind came to my knowledge about three years ago. I received a letter from the secretary of the board of trustees of the Edinburgh Medical College of Scotland, stating there were diplomas sold in Europe and in this country that were counterfeits purporting to be the diplomas of the Edinburgh College. At the time I was in perfect ignorance of anything of the kind going on. Inside of three weeks afterwards a gentleman called upon me and asked me if I was aware that a certain number of gentlemen had consorted together who had the diplomas of the Eclectic College of Pennsylvania. I informed him I was not. He told me he had visited a certain number of gentlemen who occupied a residence in the vicinity of Third and Pine streets and he saw blank diplomas of all the medical colleges in Philadelphia, and several in Europe, and among the number a quantity of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He said, "I presume, as dean, you are interested in that institution and make your inquiries in the vicinity of Third and Pine streets." I put myself to the trouble, for two or three days, to call upon different persons in that neighborhood, but could get no further knowledge. The only positive knowledge I had was from the secretary of the board in connection with Edinburgh College, who said that such diplomas were issued in the United States and had also found their way to Europe. He said that he had seen there diplomas of every college he had an acquaintance with. As dean of the college, I tried to ascertain something further of this transaction. I have never seen any myself and know nothing beyond the statements I have just made.

Q. You have no knowledge, except for honorary degrees, of diplomas that have been issued by your institution, except where the student had attended two full courses of medical lectures, one of which was in your institution had completed a course of study of not less than three years under a preceptor, and possessed the requisite qualifications in other respects?

A. I have not, sir. I could not speak of an instance in connection with any medical college in which the full requirements of the charters were not complied with. I call your attention to this matter of Samuel Thomas. I

have no personal acquaintance with him. I knew him by sight, and saw him at my lectures.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee met at three o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the chairman, Senator Randall.

A quorum of the members was present.

Horace W. Smith was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. Horace W. Smith.

Q. Your residence?

A. Falls of the Schuylkill.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I lead a literary life. My business is writing. I have been in the book business.

Q. State to the committee any information you have of the issuing of diplomas by any of the medical colleges of Philadelphia.

A. I know nothing of the issuing of any.

Q. Have you ever seen any?

A. I have.

Q. State where you saw them?

A. I have had a diploma shown me from the school of Mr. Paine, and was asked whether that was the University of Pennsylvania. It was filled up in the name of Atkinson, who was a graduate four years ago.

Q. What was the nature of the diploma?

A. It purported to come from some school, not the University of Pennsylvania. I do not know what the title of it was.

Q. Was it the Philadelphia University?

A. It may have been. I don't remember. I know it was not the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. Did you see the diploma?

A. I saw it.

Q. Do you not recollect whether it was not the University of Pennsylvania or the Jefferson Medical College?

A. It was no regular medical college, it was a diploma calculated to lead the man who read it to think it was from the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. Do you know where he procured it?

A. He told me that he procured it from Mr. Paine; I believe he called him Doctor.

Q. Did he state the manner in which he procured it?

A. He paid seventy dollars for it.

Q. Did he say he underwent a course of an examination?

A. He said he did not. My acquaintance with him was casual and was from the fact of his buying medical books of me.

Q. Do you know of any other diplomas being sold?

A. None.

Q. Have you been instrumental yourself, directly or indirectly, in the sale of any of these diplomas?

A. I never sold any at all; I never saw but this one.

Q. Have you had any offers to dispose of them?

A. None of medical diplomas. I have had an offer to sell diplomas which had upon their face an engraving of the Pennsylvania hospital. I

am not prepared to say what those diplomas were, for I don't remember. I obtained them from a Mr. Childs, from the fact of their having been defaced or soiled. They were an engraving of the Pennsylvania hospital, which I disposed of to parties illustrating a history of Philadelphia, having mutilated or cut off all the other engraved matter, whatever it may have been, by direction of Mr. Childs, they being dirty or damaged copies.

Q. They were not in the nature of a diploma then?

A. No, sir; I mentioned to Mr. Paine, in the course of going home, that I had a number of these, and I told him what price we had marked upon them in the store. He didn't offer to buy them, but the next day a person came and asked what I would take for the lot and offered me, for perfect copies, three dollars apiece. Of this I do not know that Mr. Paine had any cognizance at all. I didn't sell them, as I had given my word to Mr. Childs that I would not sell them, unless they were mutilated. I sold nothing but the engraving.

Q. Have you ever had any connection with the University of Pennsylvania?

A. Through courtesy I had a course of tickets presented to me some years ago, and I attended a portion of a course.

Q. You never graduated and obtained a diploma?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you a diploma as a dentist?

A. Yes, sir; from the Baltimore College.

Q. Have you any relative connected with the University of Pennsylvania?

A. Mr. Newton Smith, D. D., is Provost of the University of Philadelphia.

Q. Have you, at any time, offered to dispose of the diplomas of the University of Pennsylvania, to the number of seventy or upwards, to any person in Philadelphia?

A. No, sir; although I might have had seventy or eighty of the Pennsylvania hospital, but they were never offered for sale, beyond disposing of them as an engraving.

Q. Did you ever mention to Dr. Paine that you could procure those diplomas?

A. Never.

Q. And you never offered them for sale?

A. Never.

Q. Have you entered into any arrangement, with any person, for the sale of diplomas?

A. None at all; I do not know anything of the selling of diplomas in any shape.

Q. And never entered into partnership with any one for the sale of diplomas?

A. Never at all.

Q. Do you know Mr. Bolton, the gentleman standing behind you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever had any conversation with him in reference to diplomas?

A. None whatever; I do not know that I have ever spoken a dozen words to him in my life.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

J. P. Campbell (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. J. P. Campbell.

Q. Your residence?

A. 1810 Chestnut street

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Clergyman ; bishop of the A. M. E. church.

Q. Have you any diploma of any character from any of the colleges of Philadelphia ?

A. I have, sir.

Q. Have you it with you ?

A. No, sir ; I did not understand I was to bring it here ; it is a diploma of the honorary degree LL. D.

Q. Will you state from what college you procured it ?

A. It was presented by Dr. Buchanan.

Q. From the college in Pine street ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State how you came to procure that diploma ?

A. I cannot tell than otherwise that I was waited upon and it was given me.

Q. Did you ever attend any course of lectures, or anything of that character, by reason of which you considered yourself entitled to a diploma ?

A. At that college.

Q. Yes, sir ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were they aware of your having taken a course of lectures anywhere else ?

A. They might by general report, but not to my knowledge.

Q. The diploma came to you unsolicited ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know their object in giving you this diploma ?

A. No, sir. It was not stated.

Q. Did you pay anything for it ?

A. Nothing, sir. It cost me nothing.

Q. Do you know of any of your friends that have received their diplomas from that institution, or from any other institution in Philadelphia ?

A. I know Dr. Stephenson.

Q. From Wilkesbarre ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Any one else ?

A. Dr. A. L. Stanford.

Q. What degree did he receive ?

A. I think it was D. D. or LL. D.

Q. Any one else ?

A. No, sir. Not that I think of.

Q. Can you state the circumstances under which they were to receive their diplomas ?

A. I cannot.

Q. Do you know whether Stephenson attended a course of lectures at the college ?

A. I do not know. He reported to me that he was going there. I have every reason to believe that he did attend a course of lectures.

Q. He received a diploma conferring the degree of M. D. Did he not.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know of his having studied under any physician prior to entering college ?

A. He so reported himself to me. I believe he did, although I never went to attend any of his lessons so as to be an eye witness.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

P. A. Bissell, re-called.

I wish to make a statement before this committee. In my speaking to Mr. Stanford, I wish to say that the honorary degree of D. D. or LL. D. is not a medical degree. It is an honorary degree; it is conferred *pro honoris causa*, for an honorable cause, or a meritorious cause, if you so choose to consider it. The Rev. Mr. Goodrich, the president of the American University, who was burned up in the fire at Chicago, who has been the champion of the colored man—

The chairman—(interrupting) I don't know as we want a lecture here.

Witness continued: Among certain colored gentlemen which he wished to elevate, he named, among the rest, Bishop Campbell, N. L. Stanford and some others. The matter was considered before us, and we agreed to confer upon those gentlemen, our colored brethren, the degree of D. D., and it strikes me, as I made the presentation of their diplomas, that brother Campbell's degree was D. D.; it might have been LL. D.

Q. Were you present with Dr. Paine when an offer was made to you to become his agent for the sale of diplomas?

A. I shall decline to answer that question on the same grounds which I declined before.

Q. Do you decline on the ground that it implicates you—is that the ground?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you present when an offer was made of that character?

A. I was present when an offer was made, in the presence of Dr. Paine, for some diplomas for a man by the name of Smith. I was present when a man by the name of Smith offered to furnish some diplomas from the Pennsylvania University. Dr. Paine is a man that I have had nothing to do with. I have condemned him as the deadly upas.

The chairman—That has nothing to do with the question—I asked you whether you were present when an offer was made of that character?

A. I decline to answer any such question.

The chairman—You must answer that question, because it does not criminate you. I ask if you were present when an offer of that kind was made?

A. I believe I asked Dr. Paine to sell me a diploma and he said, no. I might have been present; I have no recollection.

Q. I want a plain answer. Yes or no, if such is the fact?

A. I have no recollection.

Q. And the other question you decline to answer on the ground that it implicates yourself?

A. Might implicate myself; yes, sir.

Q. Was there not an assertion made at a meeting of that character that certain parties could do better by selling diplomas, and did not some one say to Dr. Paine that he desired the lion's share himself?

A. I was in Dr. Paine's college at one time when the Hylton's were in there and there was something said about diplomas. A Dr. J. Dunbar Hylton had some talk with Paine. I didn't hear the whole of it. There was a certain party applied to J. Dunbar Hylton and myself, or to me at that time for his brother or some of them, and they wanted a diploma from Paine's college, and he would bleed pretty well, and I referred him to Hylton, and he, Terry, went around Robin Hood's barn and to Tona, Dick and Harry ———

The chairman, (interrupting)—I want a direct answer to my question.

A. I was present when there was a conversation. What the whole of that conversation was I would not swear here that I heard. I would not

swear that I heard that, because I didn't hear the whole of it; because Hylton always went to one side. He was always very private and I always talk everything right out. If I believe a man is a rascal I tell him so and don't hesitate about it; I don't go behind his back. I didn't pay attention to all that was said; it was diplomas we went in for, and he told me Paine wanted the lion's share of it. That's what he told me. There was a party applied to me and I had been looking for another party to get it for him. This was before the law was passed prohibiting the sale of diplomas.

Q. Was your impression that diplomas were being sold, but that they were quarreling about a division of the proceeds?

A. I got the case up; otherwise I bushed the bird and somebody else was to shoot it. I never sold but one diploma in my life and I did not sell that in the United States; I sold it in Canada, and that was of the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. Do you know Joseph Morrone?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether he has a diploma?

A. I do not, only what he told me.

Q. Do you know anything about where he got it?

A. I do not.

Q. Have you ever seen diplomas signed there in blank?

A. No, I always examined them before I signed them.

Q. They are already filled out before you sign them?

A. Their names were all filled out.

Q. Did you ever see any diploma or diplomas in blank?

A. Yes, sir. A man by the name of Richards showed me some, but I was afraid to trust him; I thought he was a stool-pigeon. He came to me and said that he could get all the diplomas of the University of Pennsylvania, and he exhibited some diplomas purporting to be of the Pennsylvania University, and he says this: Said he, "You are running for the Pennsylvania Legislature?" I said, "Yes, sir. He says, "If you get into the Legislature I want you to introduce a bill that will kill Paine's college, and I can get all the diplomas that is necessary to sell. I can get all I want from the Pennsylvania University," and said he, "I have got a man, a lawyer in Illinois, who is going to introduce a bill into that Legislature that requires every man in that State to have his diploma registered at the county seat," he says, "You and I can go out there and make tons of money."

Q. Did you ever see any diploma or diplomas signed in blank?—I don't mean in colleges?

A. This man had some, purporting to be of the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. Who had?

A. This man Richards.

Q. Where is his residence?

A. He has gone to England; he was in this city.

Q. Where did you meet him.

A. First in Buffalo; second in Canada.

Q. How came you to get into this conversation of selling diplomas?

A. He asked me if I knew of any physicians through where I was travelling that were in need of the article.

Q. Were you travelling for that purpose at that time?

A. No, sir, I was not.

Q. State whether or not you have seen in any of these colleges a diploma or diplomas?

A. I saw him have a diploma of a college in Canada, either in Quebec or Montreal. I put him on the track of a customer and he told me he sold it, and he paid me one hundred dollars. I saw that diploma signed in blank.

Q. Have you, at any time, seen at any of these colleges a diploma or diplomas signed in blank?

A. I decline to answer, on the ground of criminating myself.

The chairman—That don't criminate yourself. You must answer the question.

A. I would not be positive that I have. I don't know that I have, and I don't think that I have.

Q. Are you positive that you did not?

A. I would not be positive that I did or did not. I don't think I ever did in full. I have seen some names attached. I have examined some students myself, and attached my own name to their diplomas, and went off and left them signed in blank, and I presume some of the rest have done so.

Q. Did you ever see a diploma professing to be sold to J. Dunbar Hylton, filled up in blank?

A. I have no recollection of it; I do not recollect of anything of that kind; I might have seen one, but I have no recollection of it. Such things I pay but little attention to.

Q. How long have you been connected with the Eclectic College as professor?

A. Three or four or five years, I don't know how long.

Q. Have you any objections to stating whether you know of any persons holding diplomas from that institution, who have not passed through the regular course of lectures?

A. I do not; I have no recollection now of any one.

Q. Have you any objections to answering whether you know of any such cases, in any other institution other than honorary degrees?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know of any such cases from the University of Philadelphia?

A. I think Dr. Morong did state to me one day that he held a diploma from Dr. Paine's university, that he bought of some man by the name of Terry.

Q. Was this man Terry connected with that institution at any time?

A. I do not know that he ever was; he had his office down at 600 Locust street.

Q. He held no professorship in the institution?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Do you know from your own personal observation whether he was frequently about the institution, and whether he was on intimate terms with Dr. Paine?

A. I have met him, and many a time have walked with him going in there to Dr. Paine's.

Q. Are you able to state whether he was acquainted with Dr. Paine, and whether they were on intimate terms?

A. I have seen him in conversation since, two or three years ago, with Dr. Paine.

Q. More than once?

A. Once or twice; I would not be sure.

Q. You do not know further than that whether they are intimately acquainted or not?

A. No, I do not. Dr. Paine is a man I have had little to do with, and I think but little of him.

Q. You say you know of no instances of diplomas having been improperly issued, except the one you mentioned, from any of these institutions. What particular question in regard to the improper issuing of diplomas is it that you desire to be excused from on the ground that it will implicate yourself?

A. Let me tell you all that I know about this investigation. I went up in Tioga county about the first of last May. I travelled over that county a little, and in the township in which a gentleman by the name of Butler B. Strang lives there are several physicians: first, Dr. Biddle; second, Dr. Brown; third, Dr. Phillips, and several others. I was going in there with this man Richards to sell diplomas. He was to furnish the diplomas from the Philadelphia University. I was following up this thing right closely there and we could get from four to five hundred dollars for a diploma, just according to the size of their pile. They would go their bottom dollar. Then we went down to Knoxville and came across a Dr. Phelps, who had no diploma. Then we got down to Osceola and there came across a Dr. Hagey and a Dr. Mather. They had no diplomas. Down at Elkland I struck Dr. Wright and he had no diploma. This man Richards was to furnish them. While at Elkland I got the startling intelligence that the Legislature had passed an act making it a criminal act to sell diplomas, and I quit. I suspended operations and have not been in it any more. I thought that was pretty well of Tioga county, and I went over it enough to find out that out of fifty-four physicians in it but eighteen had diplomas. And the great *Magnum*, W. Parker, who is president of the Medical society, had no diploma. The most of the diplomas were credited to the Eclectic of Cincinnati.

Q. Did Dr. Parker want to buy one?

A. I was about to negotiate with him for the sale of one when this law came out.

Q. Did you sell any of these Pennsylvania University diplomas?

A. I went only to beat up the bush; I didn't beat up the diplomas.

Q. Did you have in your possession, or did Mr. Richards have, to your knowledge, any of these blank diplomas at the time?

A. Well I don't know what he had.

Q. Do you know what you had?

A. I had some but they were not signed. I went around to beat up the bush. I had one of the Pennsylvania University in blank. I had one of the Eclectic Medical College in blank, and I had one of old Paine's *shebang* in blank. There was not the name of a professor to them; they were kind of samples to show them and get them to bite. Richards was to follow up, and accomplish the job.

Q. Do you know where they procured them?

A. I do not know.

Q. Have you any information that would lead you to believe they were procured with the knowledge of any of the principal officers connected with these institutions?

A. Richards was going to get them signed. He was talking with Smith or some one, I cannot say just who, in Paine's, trying to sell him a batch of them.

Q. Have you any information that any of the professors connected with these institutions, from which you had these blank diplomas, ever signed any of them?

A. I have no information at all. I calculated to sign on my chair, but this law came out, and I went over into York State, and they don't require a diploma there to practice medicine, and I didn't sell one.

Q. You have not given an exact answer to my question yet, whether any other professor in this institution had any knowledge of this transaction, so far as you know.

A. I do not know whether they had any knowledge or not. If Hylton had asked me to sign a diploma, because I thought I was going to make four or five hundred dollars out of it, I would have signed it quicker than a wink.

Q. You have no knowledge that any professor had any knowledge of this transaction further than yourself?

A. No, sir.

Q. In either of the schools?

A. No, sir; I didn't sell any; I quit short.

Q. You say you had a sample of the University of Pennsylvania, was it in the regular Latin form?

A. Yes, sir. It was in the regular Latin form.

Q. You could read it, could you?

A. I can read it.

Q. Can you tell us by what means you came in possession of these. Did Mr. Richards give you the samples you had with you?

A. I will tell you how I came in possession of those of the Eclectic and the American University. I went to Dr. Buchanan, and he took out a sample, without saying a word to me or any one else of the American University and the Eclectic, and I took them along. Where he got those of Paine's *shebang* and this other *shebang* on Ninth street I don't know. This man Smith offered to furnish me some up in Paine's in the presence of Paine.

Q. You say that Smith offered to furnish you some in the presence of Paine?

A. Yes, sir. Paine turned around and said, "That is the man to negotiate with you; he will sell diplomas for you."

Q. You say you had a sample copy of the University of Pennsylvania?

A. Certainly. Richards had them. I don't know where he got them.

Q. It was from Richards that you procured it?

A. Yes, sir. Paine's diplomas or Buchanan's diplomas won't bring anything. It don't pay to go out with them.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

T. W. Murphy was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. 705 South-Fifth street.

Q. Your occupation?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you undergone a regular collegiate education?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At what college?

A. The Philadelphia University.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend at that institution?

A. Two full courses, and part of a third.

Q. Did you study under any preceptor before entering the college?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. For how long a time?

A. About three years.

Q. Who was your preceptor?

A. Dr. Daniel Crowin.

Q. Did you undergo a regular examination at the end of each course?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By each of the professors?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At the end of the second course also?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By how many professors were you examined?

A. Seven.

Q. In each course?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. About what was the average attendance at the lectures of the college?

A. I endeavored to be present at all of them. I missed some few through ill health.

Q. Of what does the course consist?

A. Anatomy, surgery—

Q. I mean how many lectures a week?

A. Four days in the week.

Q. And the course lasted how long?

A. The course I began with commenced about the first of February and extended to the first of June, and the second course commenced about the first of November and ended about the first of February.

Q. You attended lectures in all the branches, and underwent an examination in every branch in the college, and then received your diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you aware of any attending that college who received diplomas but did not attend the full course of lectures?

A. I am not.

Q. Are you aware of any that attended both courses of lectures, and were not under a preceptor, and received diplomas?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any other college in which diplomas have been granted in that manner?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know of any other degree being granted?

A. My first teacher of anatomy told me that he had obtained an *addendum* degree for himself. How he obtained it I don't know.

Q. What was his name?

A. Professor Loomis.

Q. Give us a list of the professors who lectured there at that time?

A. Prof. Paine, teacher of practice and pathology of medicine; Prof. Duffy, teacher of surgery; Prof. Docey, teacher of *materia medica*; Prof. Goult, teacher of chemistry; Prof. Lodgshore, teacher of obstetrics; Prof. Maxsum, teacher of anatomy; Prof. Buchanan, teacher of physiology.

Q. You say that, of your own knowledge, you do not know of any diploma being issued by this institution, unless the person who received it had undergone a regular course of instruction?

A. I do not.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

David Parlow (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where do you live?

A. 720 Lombard street.

Q. Your occupation?

A. When at home I follow herb doctoring.

Q. Did you ever undergo a collegiate education?

A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. Where did you receive your title of doctor?

A. While I was at home with my father; I had practiced some years in this country. Unfortunately, I didn't receive a college education. All I have got is by practical knowledge, as it were.

Q. Did you ever attend any course of lectures?

A. No, sir; I did not.

Q. Have you a diploma to practice medicine?

A. A diploma? Not that I made use of. I received one.

Q. From whom did you receive it?

A. From this man Bissell, I believe his name is.

Q. State the circumstances under which you received it.

A. At the time they were going around with these diplomas they had been after me for several weeks to purchase one. I told them that I didn't want one. They told me that it would entitle me to the M. D. The title of the M. D. was nothing to me; I was trying to make an honest living. But about eight months ago this man Bissell came to my place. I was out at the time. He wanted to know whether I was about. They told him I was away. When I came in they told me that he had been there. The second time he came I was there. He said, "Here is a diploma that Professor Buchanan sent you. He thought it would be an honor conferred upon you." I said, "I don't know Professor Buchanan, and never saw him, to my recollection." I didn't see him at all until I saw him here to-day. Said I, "Is there any expense attached to it?" He says, "No; it is granted as a mark of honor." I said, "I didn't receive a college education; I am not here to deceive the people; I didn't desire to deceive anybody." He said, "It is yours; just sign your name." I don't know whether he did it for political influence or not. I told him that I declined doing it. He said, "There are any quantity of men doing it." I then put my name down there; but after I found out my mistake, I regretted it very much.

Q. Then the diploma did not cost you any thing?

A. No, sir; my father laughed at the idea, and I cannot tell where it is now, because I always gave the people to understand that I never went to college, and never pretended to be a college educated man.

Q. Do you know of any of your friends that have received diplomas from this same institution?

A. I do not know of any one, only myself.

Q. Was your diploma signed?

A. I didn't look at it, to tell you honestly, gentlemen; it was rolled up.

Q. Do you know whether it made you a doctor of medicine or a D. D., or what?

A. I didn't pay that much attention to it.

Q. Have you it with you?

A. I don't know where it is; it may be at home, it may not; I don't know anything about it.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Daniel L. Fleming was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. 243 North-Sixth street, Philadelphia.

Q. Your occupation?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you undergone a regular collegiate course?

A. I have, sir—four years.

Q. At what college?

A. The University of Maryland.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend ?

A. I attended three there and my first here, at the Jefferson, in 1856-57.

Q. Had you a preceptor before going to these colleges ?

A. No, sir ; I attended lectures instead of reading. I took four courses of lectures instead of reading. I had a preceptor three years after.

Q. Have you a diploma from the University of Maryland ?

A. I have, sir.

Q. Have you any other diploma ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever attended any other course of lectures in Philadelphia ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you a diploma from any college in Philadelphia ?

A. No, sir ; I have what I considered at the time an honorary degree, received four years ago, which I knew nothing of at the time.

Q. From what college ?

A. The Philadelphia University.

Q. Will you state where and how you procured it ?

A. I was acquainted with Dr. Paine, and I went to his college on one occasion to look through the institution, and to hear him lecture, I was informed that I could have an honorary degree, and I accepted it.

Q. You attended but the one lecture ?

A. I went up merely to hear him lecture. I didn't consider that I attended any course, or any thing of the kind.

Q. Was there any cost attached to the degree ?

A. Yes, sir, a cost of thirty dollars.

Q. You never attended a course there afterwards, or a lecture there afterwards ?

A. Never, no.

Q. Were you, at that time, a graduate of the University of Maryland ?

A. I graduated there in 1860.

Q. At whose suggestion did you take this honorary degree, and pay the money ?

A. I think the first intimation I had of any such thing was from a man by the name of Terry. I went to the college to look through it, and was then informed that I could get an honorary degree by taking my diploma and infirmity certificates down there, and I did so. I considered it an honorary degree.

Q. Is that degree of any advantage to you ?

A. I do not consider it so now, I did not know what it might be then.

Q. Is the diploma so worded as to confer the honorary degree, or the ordinary degree ?

A. I think it is the honorary.

Q. To whom did you pay the money for this degree ?

A. At the time I didn't know anything about the cost of it. When I was informed of the cost, \$30, I had but \$10 in my pocket, I gave that to Terry. At that time he told me I could pay the balance to Terry, which I did afterwards.

Q. Dr. Paine told you so ?

A. Yes, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

James M'Shane was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. 1310 Fairchild street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Superintendent of the Philadelphia School of Anatomy.

Q. Have you ever had any connection with any of the other colleges in Philadelphia?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State what knowledge you have relative to these colleges.

A. My first experience was in the United States hospital, at the time of the war. At the close of the war I came to the University of Pennsylvania and assisted there in the anatomical room. In the course of 1866 and 1867, I was called on by a man by the name of Dr. Downs, to proceed up to the north-east corner of Sixth and Callowhill streets, at the drug store. I went up there and he told me his business, and did some work for him, and he paid me five dollars. I came down on several occasions afterwards, and he paid me sometimes and Dr. Buchanan did sometimes. It was called the Eclectic College then.

Q. Who had charge of it?

A. It was run by Buchanan, Sites—and Downs was demonstrator of anatomy.

Q. Who else?

A. I didn't know any of the rest. Downs was the demonstrator of anatomy, and I did the work for him. I was paid by him sometimes and sometimes by Buchanan. I left the university in the year 1866, I think it was in September, the 7th or the 10th. I went to work for Dr. Paine about the 20th of September. He employed me to fix up the museum. I was working in the museum, and the class was to come in in October. There were a good many who got dissatisfied there. They had bought what were called scholarships. They said they bought them with the understanding it was the University of Pennsylvania. I told them they were wrong. They went to Dr. Paine and asked him to give the money back; he said he had nothing to do with it, and refused. Eventually some did leave and went to the University of Pennsylvania. They had Prof. Bachmann at that time acting as professor of surgery, and Dr. Paine as professor of the practice of medicine. He cleared out Bachmann in some way, and that left the chair of surgery vacant some five or six weeks. If there were any operations at the clinics, Dr. Paine assumed the responsibility, and did it with my assistance. Finally he asked me to become teacher. He notified the class, and I commenced teaching them bandaging and minor surgery. I taught some five or six weeks. This man Terry was around there very officious. It didn't make much difference which one wanted anything to be done, it had to be done. If Dr. Paine ordered me to do anything I had to do it. Dr. Weaver had charge of the dissecting room, and he got sick. There was nobody to run that post, and the consequence was, Dr. Paine shoved me into that, and we run that while Dr. Weaver was sick. In the month of December, about the 15th or 20th, I left. In September, 1868, I went to work in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy.

Q. You were then there acting as professor in three departments?

A. I don't know what you would call it; I had to do as he ordered.

Q. Are you a graduate of medicine?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you a diploma?

A. No, sir; I never wished one.

Q. Do you know of any students at that institution that received diplomas after attending a partial course of lectures, or without attending any course of lectures?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas being offered for sale?

A. I went to work for Dr. Kern in 1868. In the latter part of 1868, or in 1869, this college was started in Pine street, called the Eclectic College. I was called upon to do some work down there. This man Hylton called on me, and asked me to take a professorship down there. I refused. In the same year—

Q. What professorship?

A. Anatomy. I think it was in 1868 or 1869, another college was started on Tenth street, called the American University. Dr. Terry came around to me and wanted I should take a professorship in that. I think Dr. Bissell was one of the teachers. I refused. He called on me on several occasions, and wanted to know if certain students didn't want diplomas. I asked what he wanted for them, and he said fifty, seventy-five or a hundred dollars. I asked him what college he was to furnish them from, and he said from Dr. Paine's or Dr. Buchanan's—that he could furnish from either one of them.

Q. Did you sell any of them?

A. No, sir. The last time he called he gave me a card. He was then on Sixth street below Locust, and he wanted I should send them down to his office. I never gave anybody his card, or sent anybody to him.

Q. What position did this Mr. Terry occupy in Paine's school?

A. I don't know exactly. He didn't hold any professorship whatever. He seemed to do just as he pleased around, as though he owned the place. Paine is the real head-piece, and runs the "shebang," and no one else has anything to do with it. He seemed to go around just as he pleased while I was there.

Q. Were the diplomas he was to furnish signed?

A. I didn't see them. He told me to refer them down to his office. I asked him in particular what college he was going to furnish them from, and he said he could furnish from either one.

Q. Did he pretend they were signed by the professors?

A. I didn't ask him that question. I took it for granted that if they were furnishing diplomas they were to be signed.

Q. By the professors, or by himself?

A. I don't know; I didn't ask him that question.

Q. You stated that you filled these three positions in this college?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who asked you to fill them?

A. Dr. Paine. I was employed by him.

Q. Did you give regular instructions in these departments?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State the three?

A. I went there first to label the museum, then he put me on minor surgery and bandaging, and then in the dissecting room.

Q. What was your intimacy with Terry?

A. It was nothing more than seeing him there.

Q. No particular intimacy?

A. No, sir; he called on me several times where I am employed for some anatomical purpose, and one time to see if I would not take some professorship in this Tenth and Chestnut institution.

Q. Do you know where he is now?

A. No, sir; I don't know. The last I knew of him he was lecturing at Tenth and Chestnut.

Q. Do you know where he can be found now?

A. I do not.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Emanuel Metzger was called, and testified as follows :

Q. You are the father of Emma Metzger ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. She has been subpoenaed to appear here this afternoon, will you state why she is not here ?

A. I have not seen her. I have been told since I have been here that my daughter is very sick—frightened almost to death in consequence of the officers calling upon her to subpoena her.

Q. You know nothing of your own knowledge ?

A. Nothing, sir.

[Witness dismissed.]

J. W. H. Hack (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where do you reside ?

A. 621 Parker street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you ever undergone a collegiate course of instruction ?

A. I have, sir.

Q. In what college ?

A. I had the privilege of attending the University of Maryland and the Washington University of Baltimore, but was not able to receive a diploma. I had the opportunity of attending the different lectures there for five years or over.

Q. From which institution have you received a diploma to practice as a physician ?

A. From the American University of Philadelphia.

Q. Whereabouts is that located ?

A. It was located at Tenth and Chestnut streets, at the time I had the opportunity of studying there.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. I attended two, and part of a third one.

Q. Of about how many lectures did each course consist ?

A. Well, I was attending there over two months the first course. I made it a custom to attend from four to six a week, and have reached as high as seven. The second course I attended about a month and a half. It might have been a little over it. On the third course I attended but a short time.

Q. How many professors were attached to this college ?

A. I think there were six or seven.

Q. Will you give me their names ?

A. Professor Buchanan was one.

Q. What was he professor of ?

A. Professor of medicine and surgery, I think.

Q. Who was the next one ?

A. Professor Thompson, I think.

Q. What was Prof. Thompson professor of ?

A. He was professor of toxicology.

Q. Who was the next one ?

A. I think Prof. Hutchings or Hutchinson.

Q. What was he professor of ?

A. Obstetrics.

Q. And the next ?

A. Prof. Clark, I think. William Clark I think his name was.

Q. What was he professor of ?

A. I think he was professor of medicine. It may be something else. I cannot think of it at present.

Q. Were there any others?

A. I think there was a Prof. Terry. I think that name is familiar.

Q. Is that all?

A. It is all that I can think of at present.

Q. During your attendance there did you receive instructions from each one of these professors regularly? Did each one take his turn in delivering a course of lectures there regularly?

A. I think so; I think I was very observing to see each man in his place when I was there.

Q. You heard lectures from each one of these professors?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you examined upon each one of the branches you studied?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you name them?

A. I was examined on medicine and surgery, practice of medicine, surgery in its minor forms, obstetrics, toxicology, and to the best of my knowledge, on anatomy, by Prof. Cochran, a name I did not think of awhile ago.

Q. After undergoing this examination you received your diploma as a physician?

A. Yes, sir; I think it was as a physician. I was not examined to receive a diploma.

Q. Prior to going to this college, under what physician did you study?

A. I had the privilege of visiting the office of Dr. Aiken whenever I wished, and there was also another doctor there.

Q. Where you a regular student?

A. I had the opportunity of reading in there whenever I wished, and they took pleasure in answering questions.

Q. Were you a regular student?

A. No, sir; because they told me that the law would not allow that I should be entered.

Q. When you went to the American University, did they ask you whether you had been studying regularly under a preceptor?

A. Yes, sir; Dr. Buchanan asked me. He had a conversation with me in regard to the matter, and he told me he thought I was competent to be a physician. He told me to be a smart boy, or something like that, and to attend the college regularly, and it would be of advantage to me.

Q. Did he ask you if you had been a regular student?

A. He asked me one day at the lectures if I had read regularly, and I told him I had.

Q. Do you know of any of your friends who have procured diplomas from this or any other institution, without having undergone a regular course of instruction?

A. I do not, sir.

Q. What was the charge for undergoing these courses?

A. My matriculation ticket cost me five dollars; for the first and second course I paid five dollars, for the third course —.

Q. What did your diploma cost you?

A. I think \$25.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Joseph F. Morrong (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. 1137 Coates street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you ever undergone a regular collegiate course ?

A. I believe I have.

Q. Will you state where ?

A. Under Prof. Buchanan.

Q. State where.

A. The college then was situated in Tenth street.

Q. How many years ago ?

A. That was in 1869, I believe.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you take there ?

A. I went through the general course of lectures. Two courses of lectures I was to have.

Q. Of how many lectures did each course consist ?

A. I didn't number them up.

Q. About how many ?

A. I cannot tell.

Q. Did you attend one lecture ?

A. I did ; every day nearly during the course I attended.

Q. How many professors were engaged there ?

A. Well, I guess there were somewhere near five.

Q. Give me the names, if you please.

A. Prof. Buchanan.

Q. What was he professor of ?

A. He was professor of medicine.

Q. Go on.

A. Clark.

Q. Professor of what ?

A. Professor of the practice of medicine, I believe.

Q. Who was the next one ?

A. Well, I don't remember exactly the names of all the professors. I could not positively tell you at the present time.

Q. You don't remember any of the others ?

A. Cochran was one.

Q. What was he professor of ?

A. Of anatomy.

Q. The others that you do not remember, will you state the branches they taught ?

A. Toxicology, obstetrics, chemistry, &c.

Q. Did you undergo an examination in each branch at the close of the course ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In each branch you have spoken of ?

A. Yes, sir ; from professors who were acting as proxy, I suppose, for the others.

Q. Then each professor didn't examine you separately, but one was made proxy for the others ?

A. No, not one. I was examined by nearly all of them.

Q. Had you ever studied under any physician before entering this college ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Under whom ?

A. Dr. Gatchell.

Witness produced certificate, which was read as follows :

PHILADELPHIA, *June 27, 1866.*

I hereby certify that the bearer, Joseph F. Morrong, has this day entered my office as a student of medicine, with the intention of pursuing his studies until he shall receive his diploma from a regular medical college.

(Signed)

FRANK H. GATCHELL, M. D.,
1230 *Spruce street.*

Q. You have a diploma, have you ?

A. Yes, sir. Not here.

Q. Were you here this forenoon ?

A. I was, sir.

Q. Were you not told to bring that diploma here ?

A. I had business to attend to elsewhere. I had a patient very sick, and have not been home.

Q. You were here this morning as a witness ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you state whether you were not told to be back at three o'clock ?

A. I went to see a patient. I intended to see that patient early this morning. The reason why I did not, was because the gentleman who subpoenaed me told me that if I did not come I would have to pay one hundred pounds.

Q. Since you come here, up to this time, has any one spoken to you, advising you to get away ?

A. No, sir.

Q. You have not your diploma with you ?

A. No, sir. I have not, but it is there and can be procured. I didn't know whether I was compelled to bring it or not. It didn't state in the subpoena whether I was compelled to or not.

Q. Are you a dentist as well as a physician ?

A. I know a little about the teeth.

Q. Have you a diploma as a dentist ?

A. No, sir. Not as a dentist, but it is all combined in one.

Q. From which college have you your diploma ?

A. From the American University.

Q. Have you a diploma of the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery ?

A. No, sir. I never bought one.

Q. Have you ever said that you have such a diploma ?

A. No, I have not got it.

Q. I asked you if you have ever said you had such a diploma.

A. From what university ?

Q. From the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery.

A. Not to my knowledge have I said it.

Q. Dr. Paine's college ?

A. No, sir ; I never said I had a diploma from there.

Q. Do you know of any one who has a diploma from there ?

A. I have heard of persons having a diploma from there. I do not know of my own knowledge that anybody has one from there. I know only by reports.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Terry ?

A. Yes, sir ; I do.

Q. Did you ever have any conversation with him in reference to diplomas issued from Dr. Paine's college ?

A. Yes, sir ; I have.

Q. Did he offer to procure you a diploma from any college ?

A. He didn't offer to procure me any.

Q. Did he offer to get you one for any person ?

A. Not to my knowledge and belief.

Q. Don't you remember he offering to get a diploma for any one ?

A. Not for me.

Q. Did he say in your hearing that he could get a diploma for any person ?

A. Not to my knowledge, sir.

Q. You are not positive as to that ?

A. No ; I can't say positively that he didn't say he could procure one for somebody else, but I think he did not.

Q. How long have you been here this afternoon ?

A. I have not been here five minutes, I guess.

Q. Have you got through with your patient ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How far do you live from here ?

A. About two miles. I wish to make an explanation—you were asking about Paine's college.

Q. Have you any diploma but that ?

A. I have not.

Q. What do you mean by reference to Terry ? Let us know what you know about him.

A. All I know about Terry is he was one of the professors.

Q. What did Terry offer you ?

A. Now you have got me. He offered me a diploma ; he didn't offer to sell me one.

Q. Go on and tell about it.

A. He offered me a diploma, but I didn't pay for it. I have to say that he offered me a diploma. I didn't take the diploma, but he laid it down.

Q. Tell us all the circumstances, where it took place and all about it ?

A. When I come to the point I will tell you. I lived at 673 North Twelfth street at that time. Well, he came there and had a diploma ; I suppose it was a medical diploma—I don't know anything about that—and he said, "Here is your diploma now ; I have your diploma." I says, "Have you ?" I never saw the man before. He said, "Yes, sir, you hang it up in your office." I questioned him about it. I said, "This is very singular," he said, "That is all correct." I never hung it up in the office ; I never was so foolish as to do that.

Q. What diploma was it ?

A. It was from Paine.

Q. Did it have his name signed to it ?

A. Yes, sir ; I believe he had his name signed to it.

Q. That is the diploma I asked you about—the diploma of the University of Medicine and Surgery. That was the title of the college, was it not ?

A. I will not say positively whether it was or not.

Q. To the best of your knowledge and belief was it ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What has become of that diploma ?

A. The fact is that I found the thing would re-act upon me and I made it disappear.

Q. How long ago ?

A. I guess that has been a year ago.

Q. Are you sure it was a year ago ?

A. I think it has been ; it might have been over a year ago.

Q. Has it been over six months?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are sure of that?

A. O, yes; it has been over that time,

Q. What was your object in making it disappear?

A. I saw it lying there and I got kind of angry because it was of no consequence to me, and I would not hang such a thing as that up in my place.

Q. How long did you have it in your possession before you destroyed it?

A. I had it in my possession, I guess, in 1870.

Q. How long did you keep it in your possession before you destroyed it?

A. I kept it from the time I got it.

Q. And finally you got angry, after having it several years, and destroyed it?

A. I came across it and I rumpled it up.

Q. You have the one from Buchanan's school yet?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are sure that you have them both yet?

A. Yes, sir; I am sure of that; I have Buchanan's, because I thought that was all right.

Q. About how long do you think you kept it; a year or two?

A. A year or two? Why, certainly.

Q. Did you get it before you got the one from Buchanan's school?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you get the one from Buchanan's school?

A. I got that in 1870, if my memory serves me right. I don't know the exact time I got the other one.

Q. Can you tell how many years ago you got this diploma from the Paine institution?

A. Well, I guess it has been three years ago.

Q. Mr. Terry brought that to you?

A. Well, I suppose it was Terry.

Q. How came he to bring it to you? Had you had any talk about it before?

A. No, sir.

Q. Never a word?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were you well acquainted with Terry?

A. No, sir; I never saw him before, to the best of my knowledge.

Q. He just walked in, without a word having been exchanged with you before on the subject, and said, "Here is your diploma?"

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He didn't ask you anything for it?

A. No, sir.

Q. You didn't pay him anything for it?

A. No, sir.

Q. Either at that or any other time?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you read it?

A. Well, I looked at it.

Q. Who told you you had better destroy that diploma?

A. I never take another person's advice; I take my own advice; nobody ever told me anything about it.

Q. You simply tore it to pieces because you got a little angry at it one day; that is the only reason you want to assign. Do you desire to give any other reason for it?

A. Well, I got disgusted at it.

Q. What were you disgusted at?

A. Because I knew it was of no consequence to me; I knew that if it came to the test I could not use it.

Q. Did any person ever advise you to destroy that diploma?

A. No, sir; no person ever said anything to me about destroying the diploma.

Q. You say that you found that if it came to the test it would be of no use to you. What do you mean by coming to the test?

A. What I mean is that they passed a law, you know, that they would not allow a person to practice who was not a real graduate of medicine, and I knew well enough that that would be of no good to me.

Q. It was a regular diploma, was it not?

A. It might have been a regular diploma.

Q. Did any body know that you had this diploma besides this man Terry?

A. Oh, yes; a good many knew it.

Q. Did Dr. Paine know you had it?

A. I don't know.

Q. Is Dr. Paine's name signed to it?

A. I believe it was; I am not very positive.

Q. What other names were signed to it?

A. That I couldn't say positive; that shows how much attention I paid to it.

Q. Why not come out Doctor and tell all you know about it?

A. I have told all I know.

Q. You have evaded every question put to you. There is no use in your delaying this committee. Let us know exactly all you know about this diploma.

A. That is all I know about it. I never saw Terry before and I never saw Paine.

Q. Did you not say that Terry was a professor in one of these colleges? How did you know that?

A. Afterwards that was.

Q. You say that Terry was a professor, in what college?

A. In the American University.

Q. You attended the American University, after you got this diploma from Terry?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And Terry was a professor in the American University at the time you attended lectures there, was he?

A. Yes, sir; he was a professor.

Q. Did any person you know, connected with Paine's college, have a knowledge that you had this diploma in your possession at any time since you received it?

A. No, sir; not to my knowledge.

Q. Has any person connected with Paine's college conversed with you, on the fact of your having a diploma from that college, since you received it?

A. Yes, sir; there was.

Q. Did they ask you if you had a diploma from their college?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who was the person?

A. Professor Paine; he asked me if I bought one.

Q. Did he ask you if you had a diploma from his institution?

A. No, sir; he asked if I had bought a diploma from his college.

- Q. Did you tell him that you had a diploma from his college ?
 A. No, sir ; I didn't say anything to him.
 Q. Did he ask you if you had a diploma ?
 A. No, sir ; he asked me if I bought a diploma.
 Q. How long ago was that ?
 A. It has been over three months ago.
 Q. Had you the diploma then ?
 A. What diploma ?
 Q. Paine's diploma ?
 A. No, sir ; certainly not.
 Q. Where were you when Dr. Paine asked you this question ?
 A. I was in Paine's college.
 Q. He asked you whether you had a diploma from their institution ?
 A. Yes, sir ; he asked me whether I had bought one.
 Q. What did you tell him ?
 A. I said no, I didn't buy one.
 Q. Did you tell him you had one ?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. You didn't leave him to understand, by any means, that you had a diploma of his institution ?
 A. No, sir, I did not. There were two other persons in their at the time.
 Q. Who were these persons ?
 A. I don't know, they were strangers to me.
 Q. You hadn't the diploma at that time ?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. You hadn't the one Terry gave you ?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. What became of it ?
 A. I told you some time ago that it disappeared.
 Q. Did you sell it to anybody ?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. Do you know where it is to-day.
 A. No, sir ; I do not.
 Q. Did you give that diploma to any person ?
 A. No, sir ; I did not.
 Q. Did you destroy it yourself ?
 A. Yes, sir ; I did.
 Q. How did you destroy it ?
 A. I burned it ; I cut it up and threw it into the fire.
 [Testimony of witness closed.]
 [Subsequently witness produced diploma of Joseph F. Morrong, signed by John Buchanan, M. D., professor of surgery ; John Thompson, M. D., professor of chemistry and toxicology ; Samuel Roberts, M. D., professor of *materia medica* ; I. C. Terry, M. D., professor of physiology ; H. T. Gail Hutchins, M. D., professor of obstetrics and diseases of women ; James Cochran, M. D., professor of anatomy ; W. Clark, M. D., professor of practice and pathology.

Witnesses :

T. T. GOODRICH, D. D.
 JAMES BUCHANAN.

(Dated) *January 1, 1871.*

American University of Philadelphia.

Jonathan Davis (colored) sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. State your residence?

A. 733 South-Eleventh street.

Q. Your occupation?

A. Practicing medicine for the last twenty years.

Q. Did you ever undergo a collegiate education in the way of medicine?

A. I have attended the lectures of the American University of this city.

Q. Where is that institution located?

A. It was located at the corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there?

A. Well, I attended one I suppose—that is pretty generally.

Q. Did you attend a full course?

A. Some times I could'nt get there.

Q. Who were the professors there at the time you attended?

A. I have the names here.

[Witness handed chairman memorandum of names of professors.]

Q. Have you a diploma?

A. I have.

Q. Have you it with you?

A. Yes, sir.

[Witness produced diploma.]

Q. Did you attend the lectures at the alms house?

A. I did.

Q. How many did you attend there?

A. I attended them pretty generally through the whole course.

Q. Who were the professors who lectured there?

A. Dr. Stille and Dr. Morey or Murray, I think.

Q. You attended one course out there?

A. Yes, sir; pretty generally every Wednesday and every Saturday in the winter of 1868.

Q. Were you out there regularly every Wednesday and Saturday?

A. Pretty much every Wednesday and Saturday.

Q. Then, after attending one course of lectures, you received this diploma?

A. I did.

Q. Were any questions asked you, upon your finishing the course, as to your proficiency in the branches in which you were instructed?

A. There was by two of the professors.

Q. Upon what subjects were you examined?

A. Theory and practice of medicine, diseases of women and children and midwifery.

Q. By whom were you examined?

A. By Professors Hutchins and Clark.

Q. Was there anything said to you about your having attended a previous course of lectures, or any reason given for granting you a diploma after attending one course of lectures?

A. Upon ascertaining the fact that there was such a college, I went to Professor Buchanan. He desired to know if I had practiced medicine. I told him I had been practicing for a number of years. Then he told me that by attending one full course of lectures, and passing an examination, I would be entitled to a diploma—that he would require me to matriculate, and if I passed an examination, I would be entitled to a diploma.

Q. Did you write a thesis?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you, before entering this college, undergo a course of study in any doctor's office or anything of that kind?

A. Well, from 1854 to 1856, I was engaged in the Philadelphia College of Medicine by Professor Rand, in the anatomical room, during which time I was urged by some of the students to read, and subsequently by Dr. Lamer and Dr. Robinson, who said that they would do all they could for me. I finally concluded to do so. Subsequently I attended private instructions, under Dr. Meade, who was connected with the Philadelphia College of Medicine, at that time in Fifth street.

Q. In your attendance upon lectures at the alms house, did you undergo any examination by Dr. Moore, after the lectures were over?

A. No, sir; he would question the students generally, but he never put any to me direct.

Q. You never received any certificate?

A. I received that certificate.

[Certificate produced by witness.]

Q. After undergoing this examination, after the first course of lectures, was there anything said to you about attending a second course?

A. During the whole time the college was located in that street, I attended more or less. I was privileged to go on after I had completed the course.

Q. Was there any objection made to giving you the diploma after you had completed your course?

A. No, sir.

Q. How much did they charge you for it?

A. Thirty dollars.

Q. Were you given to understand after you received that diploma that you were fully authorized to practice as a physician?

A. That was my understanding. When something turned up during the newspaper controversy in regard to this matter some years ago, of course I felt a little alarmed. Consequently I went to see a friend of mine who is a lawyer, and he referred to some of his books there and found that the school had been chartered.

Q. You are practicing medicine now?

A. Yes, sir. I have practiced more or less for the last twenty years.

Q. You are practicing under the diploma you received from this college?

A. Well, of course; I have not stopped at any time since 1850.

Q. Do you know of any of your friends who have procured diplomas from this institution or any other in this city by attending one course or two courses of lectures?

A. I am not able to state, except in one instance. I know Dr. Hock, who has been before you here, has one from the same institution. That is the only one I have seen; others I have heard of.

Q. Have you ever been offered any of these diplomas for sale for any of your friends?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have any of your friends purchased any that you know of?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Have any of your friends a diploma from the Paine institution?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Do you know of any being issued from that institution?

A. I do not.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

P. P. Brown (colored) was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. 1210 Bainbridge street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Study of medicine and the practice of medicine.

Q. Have you ever undergone a collegiate course of education at any of the medical colleges in Philadelphia or elsewhere ?

A. Not in Philadelphia ; I did in Baltimore. I was in the American College there under Prof. Donborough. I got employment there as janitor. As I got his favor, of course, he took a great interest in me. I was with him about seven years and became very useful to him. He said if I would take good notice and learn I would gain instruction. He said I could receive a certificate or diploma but —

Q. Never mind that Doctor. Are you practicing medicine now ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you a diploma ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. From what college ?

A. From the Botanic College of the West Indies.

Q. Have you it with you ?

A. No, sir ; it got burned up about two weeks ago.

Q. Have you another diploma ?

A. I was going to get one, and I suppose I would have got one had they not charged me so much.

Q. From whom were you to receive it ?

A. From an agent of Mr. Buchanan, who was going around to sell diplomas. I asked him if he was selling them without an examination, and I told him I was a botanic physician. He said he would sell me one for sixty dollars. I told him that was too much for it.

Q. Who were you to receive this diploma from—Buchanan, or from whom ?

A. I don't know the little man's name. He had them to carry about to sell. I told him I wanted to see Buchanan before I got one, but I could not get a chance to see him. I could get one made out, he said, if I would pay sixty dollars for it, but I thought if I could see Buchanan and go through an examination I could get one cheaper. He come to sell me one, I don't know how many times, but I didn't take it.

Q. Have you a diploma from any other school ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you been offered any except from the Buchanan school ?

A. That is the only one.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

James C. Clark was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. 408 Lombard street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. Have you ever undergone a collegiate course of education as a physician ?

A. I have.

Q. In what college ?

A. In the Eclectic College.

Q. In the Eclectic College of Philadelphia ?

A. Yes, sir. I graduated in 1852.

Q. Where was it located ?

A. At the Athenæum building, in Sixth street below Walnut.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. I attended one and a half, and then I took a private course from Mr. Smith.

Q. Did you attend those lectures regularly ?

A. I did, sir.

Q. Did you have a preceptor before you entered the college ?

A. I did, sir.

Q. Whom ?

A. Prof. Smith, and a gentleman by the name of James King.

Q. Were you entered regularly as a student ?

A. I was, sir.

Q. Who were the professors at the time you were there ?

A. Prof. Smith, the two Cristines, M'Mannus, Armstrong, and I forget the others.

Q. Did you undergo a regular examination at the close of each course ?

A. I did, by each professor.

Q. At the close of the second course, did you undergo the same examination ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. After which you received your diploma ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas having been granted, either by the college on Ninth street, known as Paine's, or by the college on Pine street, known as Buchanan's, to persons not regularly qualified to receive them ?

A. I know nothing about it.

Q. Do you know anything of the other colleges of Philadelphia ?

A. I know nothing of any other college.

Q. That is all you know about it ?

A. That is all I know about it.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

W. C. Harbinson was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. 228 North-Twelfth street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Physician.

Q. Are you a regular graduate of any college in Philadelphia ?

A. I am.

Q. Of what college ?

A. The Homœopathic Medical College.

Q. Did you undergo a regular course of lectures there ?

A. I did.

Q. Tell us something about the course of instruction there—the number of lectures required to be attended ?

A. I attended two there.

Q. Do they require you to have a preceptor prior to that ?

A. They do.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas having been sold by that college, or any other college ?

A. I do not.

Q. Have you ever had any conversation with J. D. Hylton in regard to the sale of diplomas ?

A. I have not.

Q. Do you know J. D. Hylton?

A. I know three Dr. Hyltons.

Q. Do you know Dr. Terry?

A. I do not.

Q. Have you had any conversation with either Terry, Hylton, or any other person, on the subject of the investigation before this committee?

A. I have not.

Q. Then you have never said, that if compelled to to appear before this committee, that they could not compel you to testify to anything that came under your information?

A. I did not, sir.

[Witness dismissed.]

J. D. Hylton, re-called.]

Q. Do you know Dr. Harbinson, the last witness?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever had any conversation with him in regard to the sale of Paine's diplomas?

A. He has told me that he could get Paine's diplomas and sell them to anybody that wished to buy them.

Q. Will you state the conversation that took place?

A. The conversation that took place was that I told him he would have to appear before the committee. He said if he was brought up he would not testify to anything. I told him he would be obliged to do so on oath. He said, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't compel it to drink." That was the end of his conversation with me.

[The witness dismissed.]

W. C. Harbinson, re-called.

Q. Are you under indictment in the city of Philadelphia now?

A. I am.

Q. For what charge?

A. Perjury; for an alleged charge.

[Witness dismissed.]

Adolph Wiener was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. I live at Eleventh and Race streets.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a druggist at present.

Q. Have you a diploma from any of the colleges in Philadelphia?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you been offered any?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. By whom?

A. By Dr. Harbinson.

Q. The witness who just left the stand?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you state the circumstances?

A. I met him one day on a Market street car. I entered into conversation with him, and he spoke about European travels. He asked me a few questions, and found I was anxious to graduate as a physician, and that my means would not allow it. So he told me to come and see him. I went to see him, and he said, "Have you any money?" I said, "I have no money." He asked what I was going to do. I told him that I thought I would go

to New York. Then he told me his trouble about perjury. He said, "Nothing will help me but plain swearing; I will do for you what I can, if you will stick to me in that way."

Q. What did he say to you about diplomas?

A. He said that for fifty dollars he could get me a diploma.

Q. From what college?

A. The Eclectic school of medicine.

Q. Did he say that he could get it from any other college?

A. I asked him, and he said "No."

Q. Did you go anywhere with Dr. Harbinson?

A. Yes, sir; I went to the Eclectic school.

Q. When was that?

A. Three or four days ago. I went around the museum on Pine street.

Q. What occurred there?

A. A gentleman was to lecture on anatomy or pathology, and he said we would go down to the museum and see him. He had a private conversation with him, and then he told me to come in the evening again. He then said, "If you can raise \$25 to-night, and give a due bill for the rest, you can have the diploma." I told him I had no money, and he then said he would see if he could get it all in a due bill.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

J. D. Hylton, re-called.

Q. Were you present at a conversation that took place between Dr. Paine and Dr. Bissell?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where and what was it?

A. It was in Dr. Paine's office in the college on Ninth street. Paine wanted three or four of us to become agents for his diplomas, and graduate all of Buchanan's students. That is what he asked Bissell to do—to sell his diplomas to Buchanan's students, and to anybody else that had a mind to buy them.

Q. Was there any dispute?

A. Yes, sir. There was a dispute. Paine wished such a large proportion of the proceeds of the sales that Bissell objected. Paine wanted the lion's share, and Bissell said he could do better at another place.

Q. Do you know of any parties receiving diplomas from Paine's school, who have not undergone a regular collegiate course there?

A. It would be a hard question to answer who have graduated. There was a student of the Pennsylvania University, by the name of John S. Meters, who was attending the university while I was there, and he went down to Paine's, because, he said, he could graduate there without trouble.

Q. Did you ascertain by the conversation between Drs. Paine and Bissell, what the price was for the diplomas?

A. The price that he asked was to be one hundred dollars, and Bissell was to have all he could get over that. It appeared that Bissell had tried, and could not get anybody to take them at the price. So Paine came down, and finally came down as low as \$25, and he was to have all he could get over that.

[Witness dismissed.]

R. T. Hylton was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Were you ever present at a conversation that took place between your brother, yourself and Dr. Paine?

A. I was, sir.

Q. State that conversation ?

A. The whole conversation I don't recollect. But as well as I remember, Paine wished Bissell, and I presume myself and my brother, to sell his scholarships and diplomas, and also gave the advice that the scholarships should be sold with the diplomas, and that would cover up the legal technicalities that might arise. There was some talk about selling scholarships and diplomas, and they should have all they obtained over one hundred dollars. Bissell then made the remark that Paine wanted the lion's share.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas having been granted, by that institution, to parties who have not taken the regular course of instruction ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Or by any other institution in Philadelphia ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do I understand you, that the idea of Dr. Paine was, that scholarships were to be sold, and the diplomas given away ?

A. He made the remark, that the scholarships had better be sold with the diplomas. That was not exactly the language, but that was the meaning ; that by selling the scholarships with the diplomas, it would clear one of any responsibility to the law.

Q. Did you ever see any diplomas filled up ?

A. There was a diploma filled up with the name of J. Dunbar Fingal Hylton ; that Paine had had some previous understanding with Dunbar Hylton about it. It seems Dunbar Hylton was to tender him one hundred dollars for it.

Q. The diploma was signed by the faculty, was it ?

A. That I didn't notice ; but that the name was on the diploma, I did.

Q. Are you certain that the names of the professors were attached ?

A. I think so.

Q. Do you know the J. Dunbar Fingal Hylton it was intended for ?

A. Dunbar Hylton told me afterwards that it was for his child.

Q. Where did you see this diploma ?

A. At Paine's office.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

William Paine, re-called.

Q. You have heard the statement made here by these brothers ; do you desire to make any explanation in regard to it ?

A. It is an unqualified falsehood. I never saw this young man that sat here last in the college, only at a time he was arrested by Prof. Duffy for being in his house and brought there by the officers. They got into a quarrel—this Hylton and another man by the name of O'Brien I believe—and I rang the bell for the janitor and ordered them out of the institution with this Bissell. I never had any conversation with them about diplomas, or the sale of diplomas, or anything of the kind. It is an unmitigated falsehood and fabrication from beginning to end.

Q. You have heard this statement made in regard to this diploma for J. Dunbar Fingal Hylton. What have you to say about that ?

A. There was never any such diploma, nor any such conversation at all. I never saw them in the college, except as I have stated.

Q. Have there, to your knowledge, any diplomas been signed in blank in your institution ?

A. Not to my knowledge ; I do not think there ever was ; I am confident there never was.

Q. Have there ever been diplomas issued to parties from your college, to the best of your knowledge and belief, unless they have undergone the regular course of instruction, in accordance with the rules ?

A. Never, only in accordance with the rules and practice of the best medical colleges in the country, according to my best knowledge and belief.

Q. Have there ever been any diplomas granted to parties after leaving your institution, after attending only a partial course of lectures?

A. Never, to my knowledge.

Q. Or to parties attending two courses of lectures without having undergone any previous instructions under a preceptor?

A. I could not say; I do not have charge of that department.

Q. Do not your board of trustees require a certificate from every student that he has studied under a preceptor for three years?

A. They do, but they don't come into my possession.

Q. Then the professors, after an examination has been made, are not cognizant whether they have undergone three years' instruction under a regular practicing physician, or not?

A. It is taken for granted they have.

Q. They do not require a certificate then?

A. They do require a certificate, and I believe they are on file, but as I say, that is not in my business.

Q. Are these certificates on file?

A. I believe they are.

Q. Will you furnish them to the committee.

A. I will.

Q. Are you acquainted with the Dr. Rogers who testified this morning?

A. I am, sir.

Q. Do you know him to be a graduate of your college?

A. Yes, sir, I do. If I may be allowed to explain: Dr. Rogers bought his tickets in the regular way, and I think he furnished the ordinary credentials. I remember him very well as having been in attendance upon lectures for several years.

Q. Do you require your students to write a thesis before graduation?

A. That is the rule. There are a few instances, perhaps, where there have been exceptions, owing to sickness.

Q. Did you ever have any correspondence with a man at Freelandville Indiana, by the name of M. M. M'Donald?

A. Not to my knowledge. I keep a file of my letters, but I do not recollect any such person.

Q. Did you not, during the month of December last, receive a communication from M'Donald in reference to a diploma?

A. Not to my knowledge. I might, but I have no recollection of it.

Q. You have no recollection of any correspondence with him at all upon the subject of a diploma?

A. I have not, sir. I will say further in regard to this Dr. Rogers, he represented himself as being a relative to the Prof. Rogers, and was in his employ at the time he attended our college. He was attending the University of Pennsylvania a portion of the time, but said he preferred to graduate in our institution.

Q. Have any of the students at your college ever applied to you for a return of their money, stating that they purchased their scholarship under the impression they were going to the University of Pennsylvania?

A. Never, to my knowledge.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Prof. Rogers re-called:

Q. You have heard the testimony given here—is there anything you wish to explain?

A. I would mention that the reports which have been circulated, and the statements which have been made, in reference to the blank diplomas of the University of Pennsylvania are utterly false, and without the shadow of a foundation. The medical faculty hold in its custody the copper plate engraving. There has been, for the last twenty years, but one individual in the city who has been allowed to print diplomas from it, he is George F. Lewis. The diplomas are never printed until we have learned about how many candidates there are likely to be, and there are never, therefore, more than two or three over and above those actually issued. Consequently, the idea of any man having in his possession eighty diplomas of the University of Pennsylvania is at once preposterous. With reference to Dr. S. Rogers, who has been alluded to just now, I would say that there is no sort of relationship or connection between us.

Q. You require every individual that graduates in your institution to undergo an examination before each of the seven professors?

A. Yes, sir; he is also compelled to write a thesis, to be twenty-one years of age, and to have studied medicine with a regular practitioner for three years. During the war the board of trustees, in consequence of the demand for surgeons, reduced the time; but at the close of the war they raised the standard again. We have a list made out of something like fifteen or sixteen hundred graduates. There are a few who graduated short of the time, but they were held over, without receiving their diplomas, until they had attended the proper period.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Charles W. Holbrook was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. I have been a druggist, and have also graduated for a physician.

Q. What college did you graduate at?

A. The Jefferson Medical College.

Q. Did you attend a course of lectures at any other college?

A. I did; at the Philadelphia College of Medicine and Surgery.

Q. Did you attend a full course at the Jefferson Medical College?

A. Yes, sir; two courses.

Q. You went through the regular prescribed course?

A. So far as I know, I did.

Q. Did you study under a preceptor for three years?

A. I have been a student; yes, sir.

Q. Did you undergo the required examination at the close of the two courses of lectures?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What other college did you say you attended?

A. The Philadelphia College of Medicine and Surgery. I graduated there also.

Q. Did you go through the regular course there?

A. Well, I suppose I did.

Q. I suppose, after going through the course at the Jefferson College, it was not necessary?

A. (Interrupting.) No, sir; I graduated at Paine's college first.

Q. Did you take a regular course there?

A. As much as students generally do.

Q. Do you know of either one of these colleges having issued diplomas to persons who have not undergone a regular course of instruction?

A. I cannot say that I know anything of the kind.

Q. You knew nothing in regard to this of your own knowledge then?

A. No, sir ; not of my own personal knowledge.

Q. Did you know of any student, at either one of these colleges, at the time you were there, who did not go through the full course of instruction and receive a diploma ?

A. Many a one graduated who was not competent, and who, I think, was not fully entitled to a diploma.

Q. In which college was that ?

A. In Philadelphia College of Medicine and Surgery.

Q. With your experience as a physician, do you think the examination you passed at the Philadelphia College of Medicine and Surgery was such a one as would warrant you in passing a man as a physician now ?

A. I underwent a thorough examination myself.

Q. You were examined thoroughly in all the branches ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you read a thesis ?

A. No, sir ; I did not ; it was not required of me.

Q. Was that required at the Jefferson College ?

A. I read one there.

Q. Is it required there ?

A. It is, so far as I know ; there may be exceptions.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Josiah H. Brown was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your full name ?

A. Josiah Henderson Brown.

Q. Your residence ?

A. 340 South-Front street.

Q. Your occupation ?

A. Janitor of the college at 514 Pine street.

Q. How long have you been there in that capacity ?

A. Since October last, a year.

Q. What are your duties there as janitor ?

A. To look after the museum, and have a general supervision of the whole place. I have a man and two boys to assist me and see that things are all right.

Q. Do you ever have anything to do with the filling up of the diplomas ?

A. Sometimes I have been a witness.

Q. State how diplomas are usually filled up there—do the professors sign them first ?

A. I take the names first of all to the writing master ; then the professors sign them.

Q. Then you don't see any of the diplomas, except those you take to the writing master ?

A. O, I see them, and watch them, and count them, that none of them be stolen. I am very jealous of them.

Q. Do you know of diplomas being issued to parties who never attended the institution ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of parties having attended a partial course and receiving diplomas ?

A. I could not exactly say, but I think sometimes they might not have been attending as much as possible.

Q. Of what number does the class generally consist ?

A. Last session there were over sixty.

Q. Sixty in daily attendance?

A. No, sir; because there were always some of them absent. The average daily attendance would be about half the class. Some would go in one class and some in another.

Q. Was there an average attendance of thirty?

A. I should think there was.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas being filled up in blank?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know of any diplomas being issued to students who have undergone no course, or only a partial course, there?

A. No, sir.

Q. None whatever?

A. No, sir; they always go through the motions.

Q. What do you mean by going through the motions?

A. I mean going to the lectures.

Q. Would you like to trust your life in the hands of some you see go through there?

A. I would not like to trust my life in the hands of every physician in Philadelphia, because I am a Scotchman. I would trust Dr. Buchanan, though, for he was educated in Glasgow.

Q. What do you mean by going through the motions?

A. Going up stairs, as if they were going to lectures.

Q. And then coming down again?

A. No, I didn't say coming down again.

Q. Were there any lectures given when they did go up?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did they attend them?

A. Well, some would go up and lounge about the entry and I would tell them to go in or clear out.

Q. According to your idea of the manner in which they attended the lectures, it didn't make any difference whether they attended the lectures or not, at the end of the course they would receive their diplomas?

A. O, yes, because they would be "quized," and might not be able to pass.

Q. Were there many who paid attention to the lectures?

A. Yes, sir, some I think did. Some went daily I think.

Q. What do you call "by going through the motions?"

A. When I rung the bell I used to see them going up there.

Q. How many lectures do you have each day by the professors in your school?

A. We had lectures from nine to twelve, and from one to five, during the last session; and this time from one to four, and dissection commences at four and lasts to half-past five.

Q. Do all of your professors lecture regularly on their branches?

A. All the legitimate ones, which I consider the seven lecturers. The honorary ones came occasionally. Those who sign diplomas come regularly.

Q. Would you know one of the diplomas of that college if you should see it?

A. Yes, sir.

[Witness shown diploma of H. W. Lobb, a previous witness.]

Q. Is that one of the diplomas of that college?

A. Yes, sir; I should believe that to be one.

Q. Do you know it to be one?

A. There are some names there I don't know; it is too old. I identify Sites's and Hollembaek's names, but the rest I do not.

Q. You believe that is Sites's signature?

A. I believe it is.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned to meet subject to the call of the chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., }
Saturday, March 16, 1872. }

The committee met in the Girard House at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to the call of the chairman.

Present—Messrs. Randall, (chairman,) Strang, Humphreys and Weakley.

Dr. Joseph Harvey was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name?

A. Joseph Harvey.

Q. Whereabouts do you reside?

A. Seventh and Market streets.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. My occupation formerly was iron moulder.

Q. What is it at present?

A. At this time I am keeping hotel.

Q. Have you ever practiced medicine?

A. Well, very little.

Q. You have practiced some?

A. A little when my neighbors come in; I have never been in the habit of going out to practice.

Q. Did you ever attend a course of medical lectures?

A. I attended as many of them as I could. I had a spell of sickness at the time.

Q. At what college?

A. Professor Paine's college on Ninth street.

Q. How many courses did you attend?

A. One winter.

Q. What did you pay for that course of lectures?

A. Well, indeed I could not tell you exactly, my memory is very treacherous.

Q. About how much?

A. I paid each one of the professors, I think it was five or ten dollars, I am not certain which.

Q. Did you ever receive a diploma from that college?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you your diploma with you?

A. No, sir; Detective Sharkey told me I need not bring it.

Q. By whom is the diploma signed?

A. By Dr. Paine, if I am not mistaken.

Q. Do you remember the names of any of the other professors whose names were attached to it?

A. Professor Duffy, I think.

Q. Any others?

A. I do not remember any others. There were several names there, but I was not ever good at remembering names or committing anything to memory in my life.

Q. Then you say you attended but one course of lectures, and that one but a partial course?

A. Yes, sir ; I was sick.

Q. Did you undergo an examination ?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you not state to Mr. Sharkey that this diploma, and course of lectures, cost you five hundred dollars ?

A. I cannot say positively.

Q. To the best of your knowledge and belief, about how much did it cost you ?

A. I do not think it cost me more than, maybe, \$250. I could not say for certain.

Q. Did you write a thesis ?

A. No, sir ; I didn't know anything about it.

Q. How came you to receive a diploma ?

A. Well, I went there and got it.

Q. Did you ever have any conversation with Dr. Paine, relative to this subject ?

A. No, sir ; he was not there.

Q. Did you, at any time, previous to receiving the diploma ?

A. No, sir ; I never had any.

Q. Did you say to Mr. Sharkey that Dr. Paine told you to come up there and you could get a diploma at any time ?

A. I don't know ; I think I did say that to Mr. Sharkey, but I could not swear that positively.

Q. Was the diploma sent you ?

A. I went to get it.

Q. Whom did you get it from ?

A. The janitor, I think.

Q. Was it regularly signed by the professors—a regular diploma to practice medicine ?

A. It is all filled out, the names are all there.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Francis Zerman was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. Twelfth and Christian streets.

Q. What is your occupation ?

A. I am a druggist ; I keep a drug store, and have practiced medicine also.

Q. Did you ever attend a course of medical lectures ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At what college ?

A. I first attended the Philadelphia College, near Fifth street.

Q. How many courses of lectures did you attend there ?

A. One.

Q. One full course ?

A. Yes, sir ; as well as I could. I started out in business at the time, and attended as regular as I could.

Q. Well, after that ?

A. I did not practice then for some ten years, perhaps ; that was about 1859 ; I was in the drug business. I commenced to study medicine in 1843 or 1844, I think. I came to Philadelphia in 1844, and commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Washington J. Duffy. I attended one course of lectures in the Philadelphia College. I cannot recollect the year.

Q. Are you practicing medicine now ?

A. I am.

Q. About how many courses did you attend?

A. After practicing medicine about ten years I attended one course at the Philadelphia University, and there received a diploma.

Q. Where is that?

A. On Ninth street.

Q. Doctor Paine's?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many lectures did you attend?

A. One course as regularly as I could.

Q. Had you a preceptor at the time you were attending lectures?

A. Doctor Duffy had been my preceptor.

Q. Did you undergo a regular examination?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you write a thesis?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. After that you received a diploma?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you got your diploma with you?

A. No, sir.

Q. Is it signed by the professors?

A. I believe there are six or seven names to it. In 1861, Doctor Henry went into the army, and I took his practice; that was before I attended the second course of lectures.

Q. Then you practiced regular before you received a diploma?

A. Yes, sir; I had a very large practice, although it has been given up now to a great extent.

[Testimony of the witness closed.]

Richard C. Snyder was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. Where is your residence?

A. 1208 Davis street.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I have no occupation at the present time.

Q. What was your previous occupation?

A. I was inspector of the gas works.

Q. Do you know anything of the selling of diplomas by any of the colleges in the city of Philadelphia?

A. No, sir. I do not.

Q. Were you ever present at a conversation between Doctor Paine and Mr. Terry in regard to diplomas?

A. I had a conversation with Doctor Terry about it. We were talking about Doctor Paine, and he commenced to run the doctor down considerably. I asked him what the trouble was between them, and he said that Paine had gone back on him, or something to that effect.

Q. Was it in reference to the selling of diplomas?

A. It was that Doctor Paine had gone back on him, or something of that kind. It is sometime ago, and I don't recollect exactly the conversation; but he did say, I think, that he had received a lot of diplomas from Doctor Paine, and he also said that he had sold his own diploma—that he had taken his name out of his own diploma and made a man by the name of Gunnell, I think, a doctor. I will state that he was pretty drunk that afternoon that I had the conversation with him. I spoke to him about it afterwards, and he denied saying it.

Q. Were you ever present at a conversation when Doctor Duffy was present?

A. I think Doctor Duffy was present that afternoon.

Q. The afternoon you had this conversation with the man Terry?

A. Yes, sir; Duffy told me he was drunk, and did not know what he was saying. I saw him afterwards, when he was sober, and he reiterated what he said formerly.

Q. Was there any other person present, except Dr. Duffy?

A. I think not; the second time there was no one else present. I think I told him that the investigation was going on, and he said he was going to get out of the way.

Q. This then was since this investigation commenced?

A. Yes, sir; he has run away since the investigation. The last I heard of Gunnell, he was running on the railroad. I believe that Terry has been in the city since.

Q. You do not know where he is now?

A. No, sir.

Q. You say that Terry told you, in this conversation, that Paine gave him a number of diplomas?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you say that they were signed?

A. I did not say that; I don't think they were from what he said. He said he had a customer for one, and that was already signed; that was his own, and he took his name out and sold the diploma to Gunnell.

Q. Then you did not infer from the conversation that those diplomas were all signed?

A. No, sir; I inferred they were not from his selling his own and taking his name out.

Q. Did he intimate anything in the conversation, as to how these diplomas would be signed?

A. No, sir; he told me that Dr. Paine had told somebody, that he had stolen a lot of diplomas out of his place. He said that Dr. Paine gave them to him at 927 or 928 Arch street.

Q. Have you had any conversation with one of the professors since this investigation?

A. Yes, sir; with Professor Duffy and with Professor Rogers.

Q. Professor Duffy is a professor in the Pine Street college?

A. Yes, sir; I have known him for several years.

Q. Did you have any conversation with Professor Duffy, in relation to what Terry had said?

A. Yes, sir, I had; I called Professor Duffy's attention to what he said. He said he was drunk, and he did not seem to know what he was saying. I said then that I had seen him since, when he was sober, and he had reiterated what he said on the former occasion. He was going into a barber shop at the time.

Q. Did Professor Duffy make any denial?

A. Yes, sir; Professor Duffy told me that he never knew anything wrong, and if his name was on it it was a forgery. I also had a conversation with Professor Doucet.

Q. Was that anything in relation to diplomas?

A. No, sir; we were only talking about it.

Q. In this conversation with Terry, did you say anything with reference to the money that was to be received for the sale of these diplomas; did he complain that there was not an equal division made?

A. I don't know; I believe what he said was that Dr. Paine accused him of not paying the money.

Q. Then I understand you infer from his conversation that he was selling diplomas, and that Doctor Paine had accused him of not paying part of the money over?

A. I understood him to say that he had sold but one diploma, and that was his own. I understood him that the other diplomas he had were blank, from the fact of his having to take his name out of his own.

Q. Did he say to what college his own belonged?

A. Doctor Paine's college.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Wm. H. Heath was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am studying medicine and am at the Adams express company's office.

Q. Do you know anything of packages of diplomas being sent through the office of that company?

A. Last fall a year ago I was in the settling room where the money was paid in, and I saw a roll, which was sent to one of the south-western States, C. O. D., for one hundred dollars, from the Eclectic Medical College. It had been returned it appears; they could not find the party or something of that kind. It was very much torn, and the clerk that was working with me pulled it out. He knew at the time I was studying medicine, and he thought he would get a joke on me, and asked me about it. I told him I knew nothing about it. I suppose it was one of those diplomas that were sold.

Q. Was it signed?

A. I did not take notice.

Q. But it is from the Eclectic College?

A. Yes, sir; from 514 Pine street.

Q. You say you are studying medicine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever seen any diplomas going to England through your company's office?

A. I have seen rolls that looked like diplomas from Doctor Buchanan.

Q. You don't know what they were?

A. No, sir.

Q. Where are you studying medicine?

A. At the University of Pennsylvania.

Q. Have you taken a full course?

A. No, sir; not a full course.

Q. Have you a diploma?

A. No, sir.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

W. J. B. Ingraham was duly affirmed, and testified as follows:

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a merchant and minister of the Gospel.

Q. Have you ever practiced medicine?

A. No, sir.

Q. In looking over the ledger furnished by your college, I find that there was an honorary degree sold for \$15, one for \$30, one for \$75, one for \$85, one for \$300, &c. Is it customary with your college to sell honorary degrees?

A. No, sir.

Q. Then you cannot account for the selling of these diplomas?

A. No, sir.

Q. How did this get in the ledger furnished by Dr. Paine?

A. I suppose Dr. Paine will soon be here, and can account for it.

Q. I see at a meeting held May 19, 1869, at which you were present, a resolution was introduced and passed, "that the dean be authorized to fill all vacancies occurring in the faculty; issue announcements, and do the business of the college generally." Is that the custom of the college?

A. That was the custom then.

Q. Is that the custom of other colleges, so far as you know?

A. I do not know in regard to other colleges, but so far as I know I presume it is.

Q. That is all correct then, so far as you know?

A. It was at that meeting, at that time and for that session.

Q. At another meeting held November 18, 1869, at which you were present, on motion, "Dr. Paine was authorized to conduct the business of the college, relative to fees of students, &c., as he may think best for the interest of the school." Can you explain that?

A. It was left with him as being the dean, and also the treasurer of the board of trustees. We empowered him to attend to that part of the business. But if any vacancies were filled, or any other business transacted, it was always brought by the dean before the trustees for their action.

Q. This relates to the fees of students, &c. He had a right then to make any arrangements with students he saw proper?

A. Yes, sir; he had.

Q. At a meeting held February 24, 1870, at which you are recorded as present, it was resolved "that a college of surgeons be organized in connection with the university, and that Dr. Paine be authorized to organize said college, to appoint the faculty, and have the entire control of the same."

A. Yes, sir; that was the action of the trustees.

Q. That was the action of the trustees at that time?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Dr. Paine was to organize the whole College of Surgeons and attend to it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At a meeting held January 9, 1871, at which you are marked as present, "on motion of Dr. Paine, it was agreed that females be admitted to the spring and summer sessions, to commence on the first Monday of February, on conditions that each member of the faculty lectures and receives pay in proportion to the proceeds of the session, after paying for fire, light and incidental expenses of the session, the graduating and matriculating fees to go to the college. On motion of Mr. Metzger, it was agreed that Dr. Paine be authorized to take entire charge of the college and conduct the same." Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did the other professors lecture during that course?

A. Yes, sir; each professor. That is only the action of the trustees, and has nothing to do with the duties of the faculty.

Q. At a meeting of the board, held January 3, 1872, at which you were present, it was "moved and seconded that the resolution presented by the faculty, requesting their resignation, be accepted, and that all the chairs in the Philadelphia University be declared vacant from and after the first day of February, 1872. Carried."

A. That arose from the faculty themselves. That resolution was passed by the faculty, Dr. Doucet, then being dean. A committee was appointed by the faculty, and they made a report requesting this action so that there might be a new election of professors.

Q. Immediately after that it is "moved by Professor Paine that the following faculty be appointed to the College of Surgeons." [Then follows the names.]

A. The report of the committee requested that. We accepted that, and the faculty ceased as it was and was afterwards re-appointed.

Q. What I want to understand is, did the professors resign in a body, and were they immediately appointed to the College of Surgeons?

A. You will find that all of them were not appointed; only some of them. Some have gone out and others have been appointed in their places. The present dean of the college is here and he can explain the whole of that matter.

Q. Have you a matriculation book at your college?

A. Yes, sir; I presume there is. I would add further that before a degree is ever conferred upon any graduate he has to go before the faculty. The faculty meeting vote upon each individual case. The list of these graduates is furnished the board of trustees, upon which they act, and not until that report or list is sent in to us are the degrees conferred by the trustees. They only confer the degrees upon those who have been examined and passed by the faculty, and not until each one of the faculty signs the diploma are the names of the president and vice president attached to it.

Q. Do you know of any of the professors signing before the name of the student was written in?

A. No, sir.

Q. How do you account for the testimony just produced before the committee by Dr. Harvey?

A. Before he ever got his diploma he was recommended by the faculty, and I dare say the professors can account for all that.

Q. Did you not hear Dr. Harvey say that he did not undergo an examination?

A. That is not the fault of the trustees. His name was sent in from the faculty to the trustees. That is so far as the trustees know. They take the list furnished them, and if his name was among the rest, they took it for granted that he had been before the professors.

Q. What I understood you to say is that it is the impression of the trustees that they have undergone an examination before the professors?

Yes, sir; we have no other way of knowing, except by the lists furnished by the faculty.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

H. J. Doucet was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. Where is your residence?

A. 1203 Christian street.

Q. You are dean of the faculty?

A. I do not think I am. I have not been informed whether there has been a complete re-organization of the faculty. Something like two or three weeks before the close of our term, there were some unpleasant affairs occurred in the faculty, and Dr. Paine refused to act as dean in connection with certain members of the faculty. In order to keep Dr. Paine out, I agreed to act as the dean, and I was elected dean for the remainder of that term. The faculty of the college is not completely re-organized, that I know of. I did serve, until the close of this term, as dean.

Q. You have heard this resolution I read to Mr. Ingraham, passed January 3, 1872. Will you explain the object of that resolution?

A. I opposed the resolution in the faculty meeting. There was not the full number present. There were two members of that faculty quite displeased, who wanted to change somewhat the remainder of the faculty. They supposed that by putting this resolution through, it would give the trustees a chance to re-organize the faculty and leave out persons to whom they had objections. Although I objected to this resolution at the time, the three members of the committee were in the majority, and, of course, it passed as the voice of the faculty. The trustees accepted this resolution as the unanimous voice of the faculty, but it was not. I think if all had been present it would not have been passed at all. In the re-organization they left out two of the members of that committee—the two displeased members.

Q. I see that immediately afterwards it was moved by Professor Paine that certain persons be appointed on the faculty to the College of Surgeons; what is the difference between the College of Surgeons and the Philadelphia University?

A. It is, as I understand, organized as a university, and in this course special attention is paid to surgery. The course is different from the general course.

Q. Were the faculty ever re-organized in the Philadelphia University of Medicine?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. In the course at the Philadelphia University of Medicine, were the lectures given regularly by the professors?

A. Very regularly sir—very.

Q. Was the attendance of the students regular?

A. Quite regular.

Q. Was a student that attended your course of lectures compelled to undergo an examination and write a thesis before receiving a diploma?

A. I do not know that they were all required to write a thesis, because sometimes instead of writing a thesis they furnished certain preparations which are considered an equivalent. I believe that is usual in a course, that a fair preparation shall be considered equivalent to a thesis.

Q. Have you ever granted diplomas to any of your students who have only attended a partial course?

A. Yes, sir; I think so; and I think every college in the world will grant diplomas to persons who have not attended all their lectures.

Q. I speak of these who have attended one course of lectures only?

A. Yes, sir; if they have been practicing medicine any length of time.

Q. In case they do not bring tickets from any other college, and attend one course of lectures and undergo an examination, would you grant a diploma?

A. Well, we have refused a great many. It all depends upon the personal malefication of the individuals.

Q. If they come up to your requirements you grant a diploma?

A. Yes, sir. It is according to the age and the experience of the man. If he is a practitioner of medicine certainly we would not feel to force him to attend two full courses of lectures when he is probably qualified without. Of our students we require two full courses of lectures, and a thorough examination.

Q. Do you consider those who have attended one course of lectures, and undergone an examination, qualified to receive a diploma?

A. They do not present themselves, so far as I know.

Q. In other instances you have granted diplomas?

A. We have granted diplomas to practitioners of medicine. There are colleges that do not give any credit to an applicant, in graduating, for hav-

ing attended lectures in another college. But if we receive tickets from other colleges, we give the student credit for them.

Q. You require no other proof except tickets?

A. No other, unless it is affidavits.

Q. Do you, of your own knowledge, know of any diplomas that have ever been issued in blank from your college?

A. I know of but one, a young man, who was very anxious to return home immediately at the close of the term, got a diploma. Whether he got the diploma to go to the writing master to get his name put on or not, I do not know. He presented his diploma to me and, I believe, to one or two other professors, who refused to sign the diploma. They would not sign the diploma because his name was not in it. He, therefore, left the diploma and went home. That is the only case I recollect of.

Q. I see by your ledger that you have received certain sums for honorary degrees; do you know anything about that?

A. I do not. I remember a gentleman by the name of Morris at one time applied to me. I told him that I had nothing to do about it, and referred him to the trustees. He asked me what fees would be required, and I told him there were no fees at all. I do not know anything about it. I supposed degrees of that kind would be gratuitous.

Q. Have you a matriculation book at your college?

A. I suppose so. I have made up one for myself this spring.

Q. Have you any book containing a record of the thesis written?

A. I do not know.

Q. Were you present when Dr. Harvey gave his testimony?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you remember of seeing him attend lectures?

A. O, yes, sir; there are several old men who are practicing and attend lectures, I do not think very regularly.

Q. Do you remember of seeing his diploma?

A. Not particularly.

Q. Have you any doubt as to whether you signed it?

A. If he says so I presume my name is on it, and if it is, it is a genuine signature.

Q. You heard him state that he did not undergo an examination, I presume?

A. I do not remember that I ever examined the old gentleman.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

Professor Rogers, of the University of Pennsylvania, re-called.

Q. Is it customary in your college to charge anything for honorary degrees?

A. No, sir; it would be considered an insult to any gentleman who had reputation enough to receive an honorary degree to charge him a cent. Not only do we make out a diploma, when we confer honorary degrees, signed by the faculty and the trustees, but we mail and deliver it without charge.

Q. Is it customary for the dean to keep a record of these?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you also keep a matriculation book?

Yes, sir, always; we can furnish both at any moment.

[Testimony of witness closed.]

The committee then adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *March 16, 1872.*

The committee met in Moyamensing Prison, at three o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

John O'Brien was duly sworn, and testified as follows :

Q. What is your name ?

A. John O'Brien.

Q. Where is your residence ?

A. 226 Acorn alley.

Q. What is your occupation ?

A. I am a bar-tender ; was formerly tavern keeper.

Q. I suppose you are aware of the object of this investigation. I would like to have you give such information as you have.

A. Well, I cannot go down to dates. Doctor Terry lived at 606 Locust street ; he had his office there, next door to a cigar store. I was living in furnished rooms that winter, at Seventh and Chatham streets. Dr. Terry came down to me and showed me three diplomas, one from the Eclectic College and two from Dr. Paine. He asked me if I could get some of the students that could not get through their examination in the Jefferson College, to buy them, and he would give me ten dollars for every one that I could make a sale of from thirty to forty dollars. I told him to fetch the diplomas down until I could look at them. He brought them down to the house, and I afterwards took them down to his office and left them there. That was the last I saw of them. I believe he sold one to a Dr. O'Callihan. He lived on Ninth street, between Locust and Spruce, a little below Paine's college. I sent Dr. Butcher over there, and he said he had got one from him, but that he did not pay anything for it. O'Callihan told me he bought it from him for five dollars.

Q. Bought it from Paine ?

A. From Terry.

Q. From Paine's college ?

A. From Paine's college. Paine never showed himself in these transactions. This Terry was the agent. That is all I know about Paine's college, with the exception of John Morgan, a graduate there. He was not qualified to receive a diploma, and they let him off, and gave him his diploma, on his promise that he would not practice as a physician. I understand that he lived in Kentucky, and he gave fifty dollars for the diploma.

Q. Did he bring you any diplomas ?

A. He brought me three.

Q. Were they signed ?

A. They were filled up at the bottom, but the name was left out.

Q. Were they signed by any of the professors ?

A. That I could not say.

Q. Did you see Doctor Paine's name to any of them ?

A. I could not say that. I did not look at them closely. I know that there was a blank left for a name to be inserted in German text.

Q. Were they filled up at the bottom ?

A. Yes, sir. The professor's names were there, but I cannot remember them.

Q. Was there ever any proposition made to you to sell any of these diplomas ?

A. Yes, sir, by Doctor Terry, and by Doctor Bissell. This was last fall. Doctor Bissell was arrested about August or September last, in New York, for trying to sell diplomas. Doctor Hylton is also his agent for the sale of his diplomas.

Q. What proposition was made to you for selling these diplomas?

A. Ten dollars.

Q. For each diploma?

A. For each diploma I disposed of.

Q. Did you dispose of any?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you make propositions to any parties to dispose of them?

A. Yes, sir, I did, to one by the name of Marshall, but he had no money. He was a student at the Jefferson College, and could not pass there. He was a Southerner.

Q. You offered to sell him one of Paine's diplomas?

A. I don't know whether it was Paine's or not, it was for Doctor Terry. Terry had then left Paine and was with Buchanan. He gave me a letter of introduction to Buchanan, but I would not go to him, and tore the letter up.

Q. Did you ever have conversation with Doctor Paine in relation to the sale of diplomas?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever have any conversation with him?

A. No, not on any subject of that kind; it was with Terry; Terry was the man that was the agent. Paine would not talk with anybody, I suppose, outside of Terry.

Q. Did you visit Professor Rogers in connection with anybody?

A. Yes, sir; I met Dr. Duffy at Eighth and Walnut. He said I was the very man he wanted to see. He says, "You know the agents that are selling the diplomas of the Pennsylvania University, don't you?" I said I knew several agents and so did he. "Well," he says, "you can make some money and I want you to go up to one of the professors and tell him that you know the agents. You know Hylton is a graduate of that college." I went with him and took a constable and another young man and saw Professor Rogers. I told him that I knew of two colleges, the Ninth Street college and another college, but that I did not know anything about his. Then he asked me if I would testify, and I said I would. Duffy went in, I believe, afterwards and found out what I said and he then asked me to meet him at twelve o'clock the next day. People told me to have nothing to do with Duffy and he had me arrested. Doctors Hylton and Bissell are regular agents for this Pine Street college. The way they do is they get a purchaser, the money is sent on to Buchanan, and Buchanan then forwards the diploma to the party. Doctor Bissell showed me the names of thirty odd men to whom he had promised diplomas.

Q. From which college?

A. The Pine Street college.

Q. Did he show you any from the Ninth Street college?

A. No, sir; only what Terry showed me. I saw two from that college that Dr. Terry showed me; that was at the beginning.

Q. You have told us all you know about this matter?

A. That is all, only Dr. Bissell wanted to get one from the Pennsylvania University or the Jefferson, he did not care whether it was filled up or not; if it was an old one, he said he could erase the name. Dr. Hylton told me he had one. He had Duffy's at the same time, and it was to be sold for three hundred dollars, both Hylton and Bissell were to sell it, but the money was not forthcoming, and he said that Dr. Buchanan would give, for the Jefferson diploma, one hundred dollars. Dr. Hylton would not part with it without the money.

Q. This is J. Dunbar Hylton?

A. It is his brother.

Q. Where did he get Duffy's diploma?

A. He took it from his house some months ago.

Q. Is that the charge you are in here for?

A. I am here on the charge of larceny of goods belonging to Mrs. Duffy's house. Dr. Hylton had me selling his wild cherry tonic bitters to the taverns, and he was distilling them in his cellar. Mrs. Duffy told him to go and shut off the gas, and he asked me to go with him. He went up and got the key, and asked me to go into the house with him. I went into the house, and he went up stairs with me. He said, "I am going to take some of these things with me, and pawn them, to buy alcohol for bitters, and I can redeem them before Mrs. Duffy returns." He took them up and I helped carry them. About a month after that, he said, "Mrs. Duffy is going to have me arrested for the larceny of those goods; I have got myself into a fix; I thought I could redeem them before she would come back." He then went to work and told the detectives that he left me in the house, and that I must have taken the goods. I heard him confess to Mrs. Duffy that he was the one who brought me into the house, and she gave him money to redeem the things. He got clear and I am here, that is what I am here for.

Q. The diploma was not taken at that time?

A. Dr. Duffy's had been taken weeks or months before, while Hylton was living there in the house.

[The testimony of witness closed.]

With the examination of this witness, the evidence in this investigation was closed.

A. M. MARTIN, *Clerk.*

